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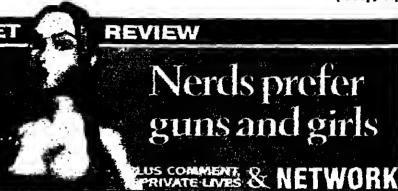
NEWS SECTION

Damien Hirst is put in his place



IN THE BROADSHEET

John Walsh: Has the world gone nuts?



Clinton starts his comeback

BILL CLINTON'S chances of remaining in office, if very heavily damaged, have improved as the public starts to assess the catalogue of charges levelled against him. The prospect of a deal whereby he partially confesses, and is not impeached, was discussed by a leading Republican senator, and is believed to be under discussion in

the White House. The President's defence team was buoyed by opinion polls which suggest that he may get away with a lesser punishment than indictment, and by public anger at the amount of graphic detail that the independent counsel, Kenneth

Starr, included in his report. The descriptions of sexual acts in the report have undermined its credibility, a point which the White House has seized on and will use as a key argument in days to come. "Our point is that the Starr report is full of graphic and unnecessary salacious detail," said Mr Clinton's lawyer, David Kendall, yesterday. "It's a smear both of the President and

Ms Lewinsky." much lurid detail in his report, and that he did so principally to friends among the American with contrition and sincerity.



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public. However, more than half of those polled believe Mr Starr's version; only a third believe the President.

The White House rebuttal made little impact, with only 25 per cent believing that it carried much weight, and there is evidence that the White House is divided over its strategy. Many key advisers are reportedly urging the President to back away from the claim that he did not lie - which may be legally arguable, but is hardly convincing. However, the lawyers - and Mr Kendall in particular - continue to plug this argument. "There is no perjury shown in this report," he said yesterday. "Perjury is a crime in which you have to in-

tentionally lie." Orrin Hatch, a Republican senator and chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, By a hefty majority, a CBS let slip some intriguing details think Mr Starr has included too the President that indicates some sort of deal may be stitched up between the Presembarrass the President Most ident and Congress. In a "very consider the report to be un- hard-hitting" conversation, he d balanced and one-sided, and Mr told Mr Clinton that he may be Starr himself still has few able to save his presidency

"If the President would drop his legalistic approach to perjury, he could survive," said Mr Hatch. "If he'll quit splitting legal hairs, if he'll quit playing term of office. this legal game and start being

what he is, a basically warm winning person who the American people have liked from the beginning ... and just acknowledge, Yeah, I've done some really bad things, I've really screwed up here', my gosh, I think the President could get through this. But he's starting to lose." Mr Hatch predicted that the President would not be impeached. Opinion polls show that the

immediate impact of the release of the Starr report has been to leave the President's approval ratings unchanged even improved, marginally, in some polls. An ABC News poll from Saturday shows that the held up, at 59 per cent. marginally below his average for the year. The percentage saying that he should stay in office is up five points from Friday to

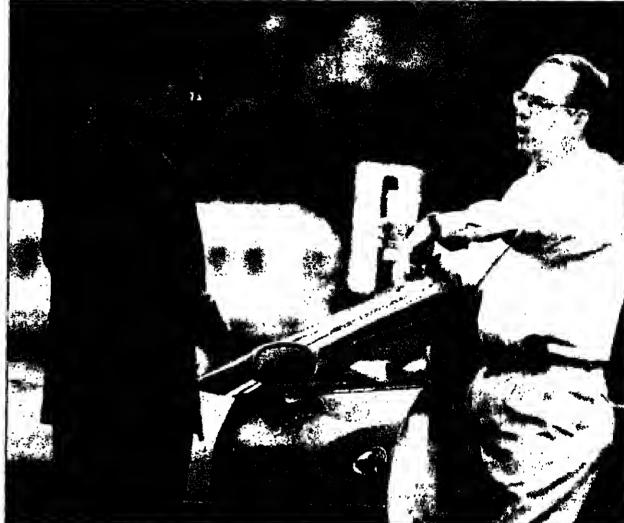
terms of the punishment de- impartial as possible.

manded for his sins - but it is towards censure, not im-peachment. The CBS poll shows increasing support for censuring the President, up to 56 per cent from 49 per cent last week. More people believe that it would be better if he resigned than last week-31 per cent, up from 26 per cent - but the majority, 66 per cent, still be-lieve it would be better for the country if he completed his

Although 50 per cent say he should be impeached if he encouraged aides and others to cover up the affair, 45 per cent are against impeachment. On Friday, 48 per cent favoured impeachment if Mr Clinton lied; now that is down to 43 per cent.

The ABC poll carried the disturbing message for the President that more people want impeachment hearings, with 53 per cent now in favour, whereas 64 per cent wanted the matter dropped last week. However CBS presents a sharply different picture, with just under a third wanting impeachment hearings

The results underline that it is still very early in the game. heading the assault on the President and even the Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, is reserving his position, partly because he will now have a key role to play in impeach-The mood has toughened in ment and will wish to appear as.



Kenneth Starr talking yesterday with one of the US Marshals that serves in his security team Roberto Borea

Mandelson rejects EU plan for employee consultation

PETER MANDELSON, the Sec- By ANDREW GRICE AND retary of State for Trade and Industry, has warned the trade key measures in the European Union's social chapter of workers' rights, which he believes will damage British companies.

On the eve of the Trades Union Congress conference in Blackpool, which opens today. Mr Mandelson told The Independent that he would side with the Confederation of British Industry against the TUC over a proposed EU directive which would force all companies employing more than 20 people to "inform and consult" their workers about major decisions affecting them.

Although Labour has accepted the Social Chapter, which gives the EU the right in principle to bring forward measures to protect employees, this proposed directive is the

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unions that he will seek to block first specific test of the Government's commitment to it. Mr Mandelson's decision to oppose the directive will anser the TUC, which he will address in Blackpool on Thursday.

In his first interview since joining the Cabinet, Mr Mandelson said that the Government. would not give blanket approval to measures proposed by Brus-sels under the Social Chapter.

We have signed up to the Social Chapter and we support it. But ... it is not a backdoor means of winning rights through Europe that the Government here in Britain is unwilling to legislate upon."

Mr Mandelson insisted that the proposed directive was wrong because it was "not appropriate" to bring in such changes through the EU. "It is



We support the Social Chapter, but it is not a back-door means of winning rights through Europe'

a matter for national governments," he said. However, Britain alone cannot veto the

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He stressed that the unions could play as important a role as anyone else in Tony Blair's modernising "project", but strike action over the Govern warned they would damage ment's squeeze on public-sector their own image by knee-jerk criticism of the Government. He urged them to avoid the old

slogans and old demands". Mr Mandelson said it was "pretty daft" for union leaders to blame high interest rates and the strong pound for the closure of the Fujitsu factory in Mr Blair's Sedgefield constituency, when the company itself pointed to the collapse in the world

market for semi-conductors. "The casualty will be their own credibility and how seriously they will be taken in future," he said. "It is not an easy position for the trade union leadership to be in, but they are not going to make a successful impact by dumping reality and reaching out for old-style conference resolutions."

Mr Mandelson was "relaxed" about unions' predictions of ment's squeeze on public-sector pay. "I would much rather have an intelligent, informed dialogue than an exchange of grand-standing and playing to the gallery," he said."

Speaking at the conference today John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, is expected to mount a vigorous defence of the Cabinet's economic policy, but he faces an uphill task in trying to convince manufacturing unions.

In a manoeuvre calculated to win the approval of TUC delegates, however, Mr Prescott will make it clear that Mr Mandelson should not water down the Government's Fairness at Work White Paper. The Secretary of State has faced a growmg clamour from employers who oppose plans to remove the limit on compensation for un-

A night in Brixton jail: yours for £50

Home Affairs Correspondent

AS B&B GUEST houses go, it is certainly unusual. But A-Wing at Brixton high-security prison is unlikely to appear in any Lon-don travel guide and would probably only appeal to claus-trophiliacs or obsessive followers of the television drama Prisoner: Cell Block H.

Nevertheless, the jail's governor, Mike O'Sullivan, is offering law-abiding members of the public a night in the slammer with the promise of "an ... experience not easily forgotten". The 200 "guests" will be allocated single or double cells, where they will eat their prison supper before being locked up at 10pm. They will be given a wake-up call at 6.30am, the same as the Brixton inmates, and after a prison breakfast will be released at 7.30am.

Mr O'Sullivan said the "unique event" was "part of our money for MacMillan Cancer



campaign to inform the public what goes on inside prison. Society has consigned some of its members to prison. It strikes us as only reasonable that society-in this case, you-should be kept informed as to what goes on inside the prison's walls. We promise you an informative and fascinating experience, not easily forgotten."

It is hoped the venture, set for 1 October, will also raise

Relief, Each "guest" is expected to generate a minimum £50 in sponsorship. The members of the public

will be "held" in A-Wing, which was recently refurbished and does not house any prisoners. The 177-year-old jail is notorious for the break-out by IRA prisoners Pearse Macauley and Nessan Quinlivan in 1991, and a number of suicides. The regime has improved but a report in March by the Howard League cited it as one of the most overcrowded, with 576 in-

mates and only 501 jail places. News of the plan comes days after the release of a report by a House of Commons committee saying Britain's prisons were "full to bursting".

Bev Lord, of the Prison Officers' Association, said: "If this idea spreads, we could be having prison open nights ... every week. Our resources should be used for those who the public need protecting from."



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British manufacuring faces meltdown if the Bank's policies are not reversed, TUC say

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Firms illegally employing children face a new crackdown by the government

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Chancellor Kohl's conservative allies won a surprise victory in Bavaria yesterday

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Britain's domestic electricity supply industry opens for competition today

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Michael Schumacher won the Italian Grand Prix driving a Ferrari at Monza yesterday

SPORT

Colin Montgomerie won the British Masters golf tournament by a shot



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Criminals become preachers

Two former hardened south London criminals have become church ministers. Both men are anxious to make amends through their Christian work.

RAF rescues threatened turties

British forces oo Cyprus are helping to protect the nests of Loggerhead and Green turties now locally threatened with extinction by pollution and harvesting. Page 11

MPs in uproar over £34m facade MPs are to demand an explanation for a decision to spend £34m on a bronze facade for their palatial new offices opposite Big Ben in Westminster.

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Fears of civil war in Albania

Thousands of Albanian opposition supporters rampaged through the capital Tirana yesterday, raising fears that the country is on the brink of civil war.

G7 holds emergency meeting

The Group of Seven leading economies will hold an emergency meeting in London today to discuss how to respond to the world's advancing financial crises.

BUSINESS NEWS

Supermarkets attack OFT

Some of Britain's leading supermarkets have attacked the Office of Fair Trading's inquiry into their profits and prices, saying it has been muddled and slow. Page 15

Power market throws switch

Britain's domestic electricity market opens to competitioo today with 750,000 households in four regions free to switch supplier for the first time.

SPORTS NEWS

Two goals for Ricard

Hamilton Ricard scored twice as Middlesbrough won 3-0 away to Tottenham Hotspur in the Premiership.

Golfer's stroke of good fortune

The Scottish golfer Colin Montgomerie returned from a run of poor form to win the British Masters at the Forest of Arden by one stroke.

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Miles Kington

The exchanges between minister and presenter, interviewer and office-holder, Mr Naughtie and Mr Nasty, are always the least informative and least interesting moments on radio or TV'

Edward Heath

'I fear that the real reason for this poll is to seek out and "name" those remaining pro-Europeans in the party through some McCarthyite witch-hunt.' Page 4

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Recycled paper made up 46.03% of the for UK newspapers in 1997

Lewinsky left alone in limbo

THE LEADING LADY

IS THERE anyone in the BY DAVID USBORNE Monicagate mess who actually got what they wanted? How about Ms Lewinsky, the former White House intern, with roving eyes, a taste for sexy underwear and older men? She landed a prize beyond any young woman's fantasies: the attentions of the

most powerful man alive. Having vanished from promise of millions of dollars from the book deal she has signed. But her story is a complicated one. Fleeting moments of hanoiness were far outweighed by the wrenching emotions of frustration and bitterness felt by a woman who received far less than she was

willing to give.
For Monica, it became far more than sex. She saw it as romance. "I never expected to fall in love with the President," she told Kenneth Starr, the written him a "peevish away Eventually, she was But special prosecutor, a few weeks ago. "I was surprised that I did". Sadly, for her, she let herself believe that those feelings of Office, she cried. He smoothed away.

in Washington

tenderness, expressed in the many gifts she gave the President, would one day be fully reciprocated.

barely went beyond the physical stage. But later, the proved to be delusions. relationship seemed to acquire public view, she can ponder the a certain depth. A meeting in February 1996 yielded their first extended conversation about one another, and afterwards they started talking on the telephone regulariy In all they had about 50 such conversations. "We would tell jokes," Ms Lewinsky later quarrelled when he refused. testified. "We would talk about our childhoods, talk about current events.".

her hair and kissed her neck. Then he muttered: "I don't know, I might be alone in three years". Evidently taking this to mean he would divorce the First Lady she replied: "I think we'd be a good team". And he continued: "What Monica Lewinsky's early are we going to do when I'm 75 encounters with Bill Clinton and I have to pee 25 times a

> With so many repeated episodes of intimacy Monica's other bone of contention is not hard to understand. She wanted, just once, to have full intercourse with the man she thought she loved. She begged him during a telephone conversation last September They

When the affair - if not exactly a love affair-began she thought she had landed class. Ovai Office It was Independence Day class But slowly, Monica began last year, when Monica's hopes to fear that she was a cheap toy soared. The day before she had and she would one day be thrown letter", complaining of his rather than a toy, she turned out treatment. Back in the private of to be a grenade, and her blast now fice, adjacent to the Oval threatens to blow the President



Monica Lewinsky 'did not expect to fall in love with the President'

The 34 stars who can take Clinton's stripes

THE WHITE HOUSE WIll be BY ANDREW MARSHALL anxiously scanning the records in Washington of the 34 members of the Judiciary Committee of the House Republicans who might be perof Representatives this week hecause they can make or break Bill Clinton if impeachment hearings are set.

some of the most ideologically dedicated members of the House; it will be hard for the in most senses, but an enemy President to find moderate

suaded to swing his way. The Chairman, Henry Hyde,

one who is broadly trusted by The committee includes both sides to be impartial. His opposite number, John Conyers from Michigan, is a moderate of Mr Starr's. He is under presTHE COMMITTEE

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sure from the black community to stand up for the President. The attack dog on the right wing is Bob Barr, a Georgia is a right-wing Republican, but Republican who called for the President's impeachment

nearly a year ago. On the left is Barney Frank of Massachusetts who will be charged with a rapid rebuttal of partisan Republican claims.

LIGHTING UP

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HIGH TIDES

Charles Rangel of New York, one of the President's

most solid allies, said over the weekend of the Starr report: "When you've got nothing else going for you, you go for the dirt and fith "

The Republicans have a hefty majority on the committee, as in Congress, so in a also clashed with Mr Frank on straight, partisan vote, the several occasions, but is intel-

President would be lost. There are some voices, however, such as Bill McCollum, a Florida Republican. He is a moderate ed debate and so little common voice on the committee, careful, attentive to legal detail and

more ideological Republicans. Charles Canady, also from Florida, is more closely aligned with the right-wingers, and has

often ready to breek with the

ligent, studious and legallyminded.

The greatest risk - with beatground between the President's enemies and his friends - is that the committee proceedings will degenerate into squabbling between factions.

Mr Frank will be watching like a hawk for attempts by Speaker Newt Gingrich to

BRITAIN TODAY



FORECAST

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Aberdeen, NE Scotland: After a cold start it will become brighter, with suns spells and occasional sharp showers. The showers will be mainly centred over Gramplans and near north-facing hills. A blustery north-west wind. Max temp 15C (55-59F).

OUTLOOK

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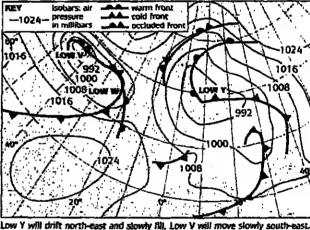
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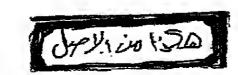
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By Andrew Marshall in Washington

AS THE first shock of the Starr report on President Clinton wears off, America is starting to make up its mind about the allegations against

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At the same time, the two camps, the President's friends, and his enemies, are also starting their campaigns to shape public perceptions of the Starr report and of the inci-dents contained in it.

On the Sunday morning television shows they were lined up like opposing teams of gladiators, slugging it out in a battle for the hearts and minds of the people, with sex as the main weapon on both sides.

There is some good news for the President, if the opinion polls are to

According to one taken by CBS News, 62 per cent of the population - about the same number that approves of his Presidency, if not of him personally - says impeachment is not necessary.

But a growing number believe other punishment should be inflicted. A majority favours censure. The President should not resign, said 66 per cent of those polled.

The Democrats, in their counterattack on the Starr report, have tapped a rich vein by attacking the degree of disclosure of the President's sexual acts in the report.

In the CBS poll, 64 per cent said they thought the details were inappropriate and 60 per cent said they thought Mr Starr had included them specifically to embarrass the President. This was a key refrain in the White House's own rebuttal and it is the line that the President's supporters have taken. "It is plain that 'sex' is precisely what this four-anda-half-year investigation has boiled down to," the White House said on Saturday.

Maxine Waters, a Democratic Congresswoman said on television yesterday: "Ken Starr is on trial as much as anyone."

The networks and newspapers have had to make difficult deciAMERICA'S MOOD



President Bill Clinton's travails drive everything else off the front pages of newspapers in the United States, as a kiosk in Washington demonstrates

sions about just how many of the details in the Starr report they should air, especially the footnotes in the report, which delve into a steamy territory. ABC news has been perhans the most conservative, with the station's anchor, Peter Jennings, telling viewers that if they wanted the filth, "you won't find it on ABC".

Jackie Judd of ABC was prim when discussing the first encounter

Lewinsky. "She made herself available," she said. "I won't be any more descriptive than that,"

The Boston Globe warned its readers that "the parents of young children" should beware of reading the newspaper, while other newspapers even left the text of the report out of home-delivered papers in

between the President and Ms The Los Angeles Times, on its website, urged "parental guidance for children reading the full report".

Mr Starr's supporters insist it was necessary to go into those "seamy details" to prove the charges of perjury: namely that what the President and Ms Lewinsky said were not

"I wish be had told us the truth case children should pick them up. from the beginning and we would not ed the detail "went well beyond

have read many things that have no what was necessary". An associate place in public literature," the House of Mr Clinton told the New York Speaker, Newt Gingrich, said, "I Times: "We had a sense that Start think that the nature of the Presimight feel compelled to put all this dent's answers require that kind of sex stuff in, to try to prove that the graphicness, which I found very President lied. sad," Senator Paul Wellstone, a De-

mocrat from Minnesota and a possible presidential candidate, was critical of the President, but insist-

"There was talk that if he did that, we could say that there was nothing to the serious charges, and all this amounts to is a sex report."

In a patronising piece on the

front page, the paper says: "Starr report Recalls Outlook Of a Preacher in Rural Texas."

The press has been hard on the President in its editorials, reacting both to the revelations from the Starr report and (in some cases) to the belated realisation that the White House has been lying for mooths about the affair. The Philadelphia Inquirer and the Detroit Free Press have added their names to the long list of those calling for the Presi-

dent's resignation. But the press has moved in direct directions from the public before. and the signs from Washington are that the White House will wait a while before deciding on the next step. "It's too early to have any strong read on the American public," a White House aide told the Washington Post, "In the Sunday, Monday, Tuesday timeframe, when polling comes back, we'll all have a sense of where the country is on this."

After the initial burst of moral outrage, a note of caution is creeping into newspaper comment. The White House can take little solace in this: it reflects the fact the impeachment proceedings may be about to begin, with all the political and social implications that would

The Miami Herald said, in a typical comment: "Congress and the public must show the calm dispassion that, thus far, neither Mr Clinton nor Mr Starr has been able to muster." The Tennessean in Nashville said: "It is imperative, particularly in this election season, that constitutional procedures be followed with caution and with no rush to judgment."

The latest poll may be showing that Mr Clinton's job approval rat-ing stands unchanged but John Zogby, an independent pollster, sounded a cautious note, warning that the polls may indicate no more than that the fact that people have yet to fully digest the report's implications. "These kinds of things need to ferment for two or three days before we get a real gelling of how the public feels," he said.

low do the charges against Clinton stack up?

Clinton lied about having sex BY ANDREW MARSHALL with Monica Lewinsky. Jones case and to the grand jury when he said he didn't have Lewinsky. Even on the definition adopted in that case, he did

But the White House says the

Starr says he lied in the Paula more than one witness, and only Lewinsky was there, so it's her word against the Presi-

stands or falls. Legally, the White House has a case and affair fell outside the strict could defend the charge in The White House says this Paula Jones definition of sexu-court. But that won't wash be-story was to keep the relationfore public opinion. It's clear ship secret from colleagues. The President went Clinton lied to the Jones trial; and his family. Clinton never hunting for Lewinsky.

the grand jury on this point, since he admitted oral sex.

ALLEGATIONS AND REBUTTALS he just thought she needed help.

Clinton hid the relationship. Starr says he and Lewinsky agreed to a cover story about the bedrock on which all else to send an affidavit to the Jones case, rather than appearing in person, to deceive the court. The White House says this

an illegal affidavit. Its hard to prevent her from testifying to Conclusion: The sex issue is their liaison and he asked her stand up the Starr charge in Conclusion: As the report acknowledges, much of the evidence is not that solid.

The President went job-

much Sending an affidavitism't chestrated an effort to get illegal, and he never suggested Lewinsky a job in New York to

> the Jones case. The White House says the President

wasn't directly involved in the joh search, and anyway, it was her idea to get the White House to help. The subject was raised five months before her name

Conclusion: Senior officials aren't in the business of helping young women in their twenties find gainful employment.

The President engaged in an abuse of power.

Starr says that by claiming executive privilege, refusing to testify, and misleading the American public, the Presiappeared on a witness list. dent abused his constitutional

The White House says he was quite within his rights to claim executive privilege, and his false denial to the American people doesn't count as an

abuse of power. Conclusion: This is the most serious charge, but a decision here, most importantly, falls to the Congress rather than the

The President should be im-

Starr says the charges are of it out.

evidence credible enough, to warrant impeachment. The White House says that it is a personal matter, and the President has apologised. It doesn't meet the standards for im-

Conclusion: Here it is the American people themselves, ultimately, who will be the jury; and there is, as yet, no consensus. It will be shaped this week as the two sides battle



The team drawn into the Big Lie



Always a calm, gracious and even maternal presence, a quite unexpected picture of the President's 59-year-old personal secretary emerges from the Starr report. The report shows she did everything she could to abet the affair - even staying at the office after hours just to admit Ms Lewinsky.



ERSKINE BOWLES the job of White House Chief of Staff with some reluctance in Clinton's second term. One of the least overtly political figures in the White House, Mr Bowles is leaving Washington in November and returning to private life. He has never linked his departure with the Lewinsky affair.



As White House spokesman, Mr McCurry has achieved the impossible. For seven months, he conveyed the President's lies about Me Lewinsky to journalists, but manages, even now, to command their respect and friendship. Few Clinton aides can have been more grievously let down.

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A society-chatterer and brain-box, Mr Blumenthal came to Mr Clinton's side last year from a life as a pundit and political reporter. Claims Starr report is part of right-wing conspiracy, tantamount to political coup d'état. Report says he is one of the aides Clinton lied to in full knowledge he would be called to testify.



Long-time golfing partner and Clinton confident, Mr Jordan's first contribution to the Clinton White House was as chairman of his transition team after the 1992 election. Now practising in his law firm, Mr Jordan was asked by his old friend to help find a job for Ms Lewinsky last year.

THE AIDES

AMONG THE scores of White BY DAVID USBORNE House foot soldiers - ordinary folk who this weekend are struggling to overcome their disappointment, if not outright disgust, over the conduct of the man they serve - a few key aides closest to Bill Clinton have cause to be especially shaken.

They were lied to, in person, for sure. In Kenneth Starr's eyes, they were also complicit in a cover-up that may be about to bring the President down.

The roles each of these people played, unwittingly for the most part, will now take centrestage on Capitol Hill as members of the House Judiciary Committee ponder whether the accusations against the President meet the standard for impeachment of "high crimes and misdemeanours

If Mr Starr is to be believed. the President's conversations with these aides in the bours and days immediately after the Lewinsky scandal burst into the open in January offer the best proof that obstruction of justice

has indeed taken place. One member of this group, the President's personal secretary, Betty Currie, had far more than just conversations with Mr Clinton. In one of the more unexpected twists in the Starr report, it appears that Ms Currie was, at different stages, a knowing accomplice in the pawn in his efforts to cover it up and then the target of pleadings

from Mr Clinton to lie herself. One of the the most poignant passages in the report relates the testimony of Erskine Bowles, the Chief of Staff, about the morning of 21 January, just after the scandal broke, when the President baldly told him and other aides that the allegations about Morrica Lewinsky vere false. This is how Mr Bowles described the moment to the grand jury: "He looked up at us and be said the same thing he said to the American people. He said, 'I want you to know I did not have sexual relationships with this woman Monica

Mr Bowles went on: "All I can tell you is: This guy who 've worked for looked me in the eye and said he did not have sexual relationships with her. And if I didn't believe him. I couldn't stay. So I believe him." Mr Bowles has since de- the young woman.

in Washington

cided to leave the White House It is clear now that others in the Clinton circle had no choice but to make the same calculation. One by one, they all received versions of the President's denial in those late January days and all decided that if they were to stick by his side they had to take him at his word. Sidney Blufrom the President that he was "threatened" by Lewinsky and had been the unwilling partner

in a non-sexual friendship. Then there was the very special predicament of Mike McCurry, the spokesman who was obliged to face reporters in he fied for the President, day after day, month after month.

The critical contention by Mr Starr that the President dissembled to his aides, because he knew they would be called to the grand jury and that that amounts to obstruction of justice, is dismissed by Mr Clinton's lawyers. In their rebuttal to the report, they argue: "Havcountry on live television that he was not having sexual relations ... it is simply absurd to believe that he was somehow attempting to corruptly influence the testimony of aides."

The portrait of Ms Currie is testimony, she at first helped the trysting couple. She would escort Ms Lewinsky to the Oval the White House to avoid curipage her for the President. using the the code-name Kay. When the danger of exposure grew, she became still more intimately entangled. Before trieve the gifts the President had given her. Ms Currie took them to her home and stashed them under her bed.

Witness tampering charges brought by Mr Starr also eentre on Ms Currie. As told by Mr Starr, Mr Clinton tried to prompt her testimony, suggesting that she had never sky had spent time alone and that he had "never touched"

THE HUSTINGS

Clinton effect hits California Democrats

WITH DEMOCRATS running (in the words of one Washington in Los Angeles insider) "like scalded dogs" from President Bill Clinton, a dark shadow has been cast over the party's campaign for the November mid-term elections. The disarray is painfully visible in California, the most populous state, where two key races are overshadowed by the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

The Democratic candidate, Gray Davis, was - until this week - making strong running against his opponent, Dan Lungren, in the race to succeed Pete Wilson, the outgoing Republican, as governor, Davis was seen as the better, more charismatic speaker of the

The second key election is between Barbara Boxer, one of California's two Democratic senators, and Republican challenger, Matt Fong. Again, Ms Boxer has proved an abler debater anerience on Capitol Hill against an opponent who is untested in high office.

Now all bets are off. It is not that the voters are obsessed with Monica Lewinsky to the exclusion of such hot local issues as education, crime, taxes and Indian gambling rights - in fact the opinion polls suggest the opposite - but the language of the campaign races has changed completely, making it impossible to deliver any

ixed

"If you think you can talk

about those issues while ignoring what is going on in Washington, you are dead wrong," gubernatorial candidate Lungren said this week. In his view, the race has come down to issues not of substance, but of character.

That, of course, is a conve nient partisan viewpoint. The more the Republicans focus on the President's troubles the more they boost otherwise lacklustre candidates.

It is also true, bowever that the Democrats see themselves as being in trouble. Senator Boxer, in particular, has multiple reasons to feel embarrassed. Her daughter is married to Hillary Clinton's brother, making ber link to the First Family closer than most. She has also been an ardent campaigner against sexual misconduct in public life.

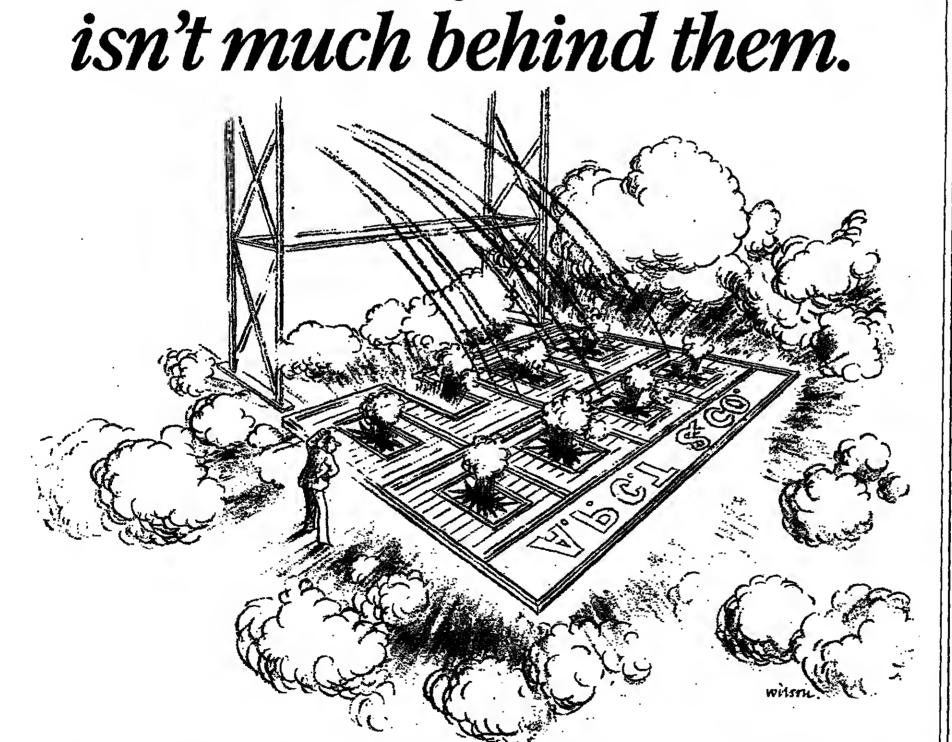
Despite multiple attempts to distance herself from the president's behaviour - she took to the Senate floor this week to decry him as "immoral" - she has found it hard to steer the campaign away from him.

"She's trying all she can, but her message just isn't getting through," said Sherry Bebitch message that does not involve Jeffe, a political analyst.

ANNE MCELVOY

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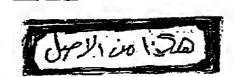
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Industry in big trouble, says TUC

THE GOVERNMENT WAS warned yesterday that the economy was "hours from recession" as leaders of more than a million workers and employers formed a highly unusual alliance to publicise the plight of manufacturing.

Roger Lyons, leader of the Manufacturing, Science, Finance union warned that half a million jobs would be lost if the Bank of England continued to pursue its anti-inflationary pol-

If the Bank's monetary policy committee genuinely believed that people should be thrown out of work because the economy was over-heating, it was economically illiterate and socially outrageous, he said last night, on the eve of the anconference in Blackpool.

His partner in the alliance, Ken Jackson, leader of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical union spoke of the "twin evils" which were dragging the economy down. "The last time a government pursued a high interest rate and high pound policy it destroyed 40%

By BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

"The Tories tried to kill off manufacturing. The Bank seems to be attempting to finish the job."

nior union leaders presage a rough ride for Eddie George. governor of the Bank of Eng-land, who will make his maiden speech to the TUC tomorrow. Addressing delegates today, John Prescott, deputy Prime Minister, will mount a vigorous defence of the Cabinet's economic policy. Both men however will be fighting against a growing wave of pessimism among trade unionists. Some of the blame for mounting redundancies will also be nual Trade Union Congress laid at the door of Peter Mandelson, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, who ad-

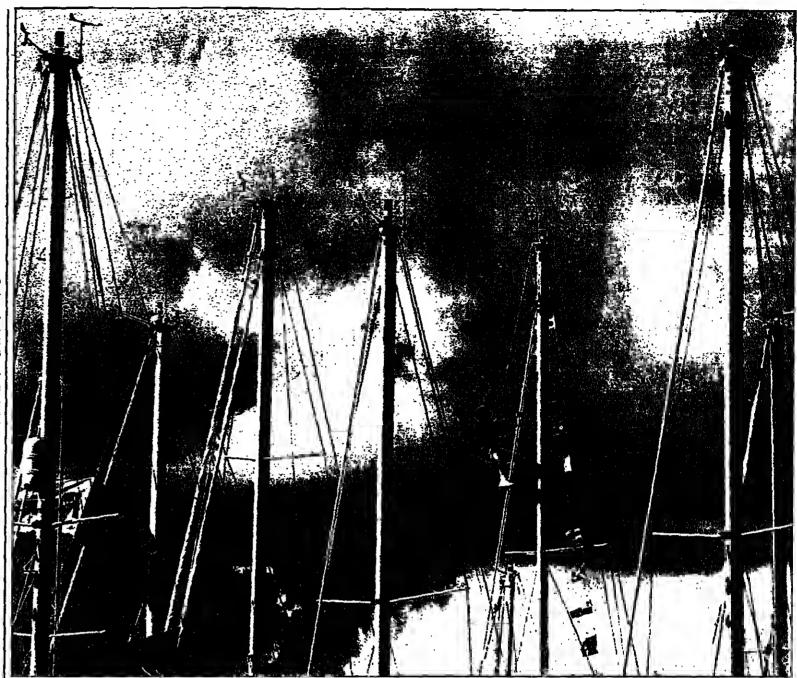
dresses Congress on Thursday. The aims of the alliance have won the support of the Engineering Employer's Federation. The initiative seeks to raise profile and status of manufacturing, to persuade the Government of its importance of British industry," he said, and to ensure that industry's

competitiveness is taken into account during economic deci-

sion-making. David Yeandle, head of employment affairs at the em-ployer's organisation, said that success on all three fronts was The remarks by the two se-"critically important" to Britain.

Gloom over the economy prompted a rift between some of the TUC's biggest affiliates. While Mr Jackson maintained that Britain should enter the European Monetary Union as soon as possible, Bill Morris, leader of the Transport and General Workers Union, argued that such a move would make the economic downturn worse. The clash over the currency will almost certainly surface at next month's Labour Party conference.

The Government will also face growing opposition to its Private Finance Initiative. The GMB general union yesterday switched from provisional support to opposition to the policy which seeks to involve private money in public projects. It believes member's terms and conditions will be eroded when private companies assume re-



sponsibility for state services. Mike Bradbury checks the rigging on a Trintella 42, owned by Westerly Yachts, at the Southampton International Boat Show

Hague in bitter exchange with 'sad' Heath

SIR EDWARD Heath launched By PAUL WAUGH a scathing new attack on Tory Political Correspondent leader William Hague today describing his party referendum on Europe as a "McCarthyite witch-hunt" that was guaranteed to backfire.

guage to date, the former prime er said the snan ballot was an attempt at "ethnic cleansing" of the party's pro-Europeans and would be fierce-

Mr Hague yesterday dis-

missed Sir Edward as a "sad" figure and pointed to a new opinion poll that showed the British public wanted to rule out several years.

Tory leader renewed his criti-cism with a passionate assault on Mr Hague's decision to hold a referendum of the party's 300,000 members.

though there was no doubt that majority would back their leader's hardline stance on the

Euro, it would be a "Pyrrhic victory" with disastrous consquences for both the party's Using his strongest lan- joining the single currency for and Mr Hague's reputations. "I feel that the real reason for 'name' those remaining pro-Eu.

ropeans in the party through some McCarthyite witch-hunt,". The shadow cabinet bad few

Sir Edward said that al-

would be "suicidal" to marginalise such household names as Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine, he added. Signalling that the ballot

would not deter those like himself who were in favour of the able" decision to hold the refsingle currency, Sir Edward istrouble ahead.

"I am sure that we have the" stomach for the fight against any attempts at 'ethnic cleansing' in our party," he said.

established politicians and it this ballot is supposed to unite the party. It will do nothing of the sort. All it will achieve is to institutionalise the divisions

within our ranks." The "completely unjustifierendum with just a fortnight's by the leader and Central Office to centralise power.

Sir Edward's comments followed a counter attack by Mr Hague yesterday against his

not join the Conservative party if he were a young man today. Mr Hague said that the for-

mer premier had failed to offer him any support since he became leader, unlike Baroness Thatcher and John Major, both of whom strongly back his ref-

"I don't think he'll ever forgive any of us for leading the party after him," he said. "It's sad but its true and that's part of what happens in Conserva-

"It has been alleged that earlier remarks that he would tive Part." In a speech in Not- nomic times as well as good." tingham to the party's new A total of 72 per cent of all age youth organisation. Conservagroups also backed the statetive Future, the Tory leader un-

veiled a new opinion poll that

showed that first time voters at

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■ Nearly a third of all voters believe that the Government takes more notice of opinion polls and focus groups than Par-The poll, conducted by ICM liament, according to a BRMB poll published toda found that 81 per cent of 18 to magazine. Prospect. But the 24-year-olds believed that survey also showed that 74 per "Britain should rule out joining cent believed that such polls were more in touch with pubcan see how it works in bad eco- lic opinion than MPs.

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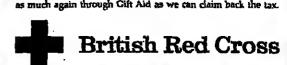
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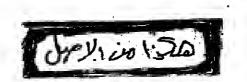


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Employment: Ministers back national registration plan to stamp out abuse of the young workers

Tougher curbs on child labour

EMPLOYERS who use children By Fran Abrams as cheap labour are to face tougher regulations under a government drive to curb the

Ministers have moved to bring Britain into line with the rest of Europe, where children spend far fewer hours working. A national review has been launched and local authorities have been asked to rewrite their by-laws to take account of the changes.

In future, children under 14 will only be able to do light work which is detailed in local regulations.

Those under 16 must have at least two weeks' break from holiday jobs and must have regular rest breaks during their working day.

A review group which is to report by the end of the year will make further recommendations to ministers on how to protect children in work.

Chris Pond, the Labour MP for Gravesham and former director of the Low Pay Unit, is pressing Paul Boateng, the Health Minister, to cut children's hours from a maximum of 17 per week to 12, including up to two hours on Sundays.

He also wants insurance companies to enforce rigorously a rule which renders employers' liability insurance void if children are employed ille-

members' bill on the subject earlier this year, but withdrew it after Mr Boateng promised to launch his review.

"In most European countries children's working is outlawed altogether. In others, they say children cannot work except in certain circumstances but British legislation just sets out circumstances in which they cannot work," he said. One third of all working children in the European Union

are British The Department of Health has already written to all local AND KATE WATSON-SMYTH

uniform system across Britain for the first time. Legislation on child labour dates back to 1993, and some local by-laws have barely been changed since.

Research by the Low Pay Unit, timed to coincide with Mr Pond's bill, showed that more than 40 per cent of children between the ages of 10 and 16 were working – about two million children across the coun-

Three out of four were working illegally because their employers were either unaware that children should be licensed by their local authorities or had chosen to ignore the rule. The Low Pay Unit offers advice to parents and employers on

Most experts say part-time jobs can help teenagers to build self-confidence and to get used to the world of work, but add that long hours often interfere with their studying.

Researchers at the University of Paisley found that those working up to 10 hours per week actually did better in exams than those not working at all, but those working more than 10 hours did progressive ly worse the more they worked.

Some schools try to ensure that their pupils know the law, and report illegal working to the gally.

Mr Pond brought a private authorities. At Baverstock school on the border of Birm ingham and Solibuil, the deputy head Mary Small has seen several children's licenses to work revoked after abuse by em-

> One boy, aged 14 or 15, worked all night for a taxi firm while others helped milkmen with their rounds for a few pounds despite having no h-

"For some children it's a good way to learn to manage money and to learn about the world of work," she said. "But some of them are used very authorities setting out model badly. Sometimes, it is just by-laws which should create a abuse."



A council registration scheme covers paper boys in Whitley Bay on Tyneside

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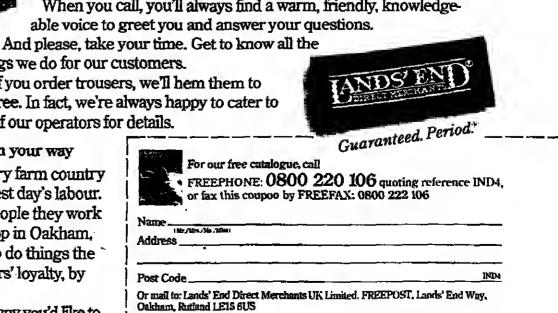
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Gangsters become hit men for God

By IAN BURRELL Home Affairs Correspondent

IN THE ILLEGAL drinking dens south of the river, the news will cause scar-faced men in overcoats to choke on their cigars: Tel and Bob have become men

of the cloth. For years the pair were known faces among the south London criminal fraternity; hreaking into houses, running drugs and fighting pitched bat-

tles with rival gangs. Now Terry Mortimer is a Pentecostal minister and Bob Turney is an ordained minister with the Church of Jesus Christ. of Latter Day Saints.

Their rehabilitation into society is evidence that even the most hardened criminals can change their ways.
As he presided at a haptism

yesterday, Turney - who is also a probation officer - admitted he had a "criminal record which makes the Artful Dodger look like a choirboy."

Both men express deep remorse for their pasts and an anxiety to make amends through their ministerial work. Turney is the secretary of

Unlock, the new national association for ex-offenders, which is being launched tomorrow at Pentonville prison, north Lon-

The pair's criminal careers ing" the proceeds. Turney, the were fostered by difficult up- consummate car thief, would bringings on the notorious St provide the transportation.

Helier estate, on the Surrey Anecdotes of their "diaboliwould hang around the St Kray was once entertainments manager. The tavern was demolished two years ago after being described by police as "the most dangerous pub in

Mortimer first came before the courts as a 10-year-old after trying to hurn down his school. Turney, whose first criminal offence was stealing a motor scooter, went on to spend 18 years in and out of prison.



Ex-convict turned minister Bob Turney (left) in action at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Tilehurst, Reading, and Terry Mortimer, self-confessed former mugger and drug-pusher, preaching at a meeting at the Tramway Christian Centre in Edmonton, north London

John Laurence/Neville Elder

They were a natural criminal pairing. Mortimer had an eye for a hurgiary target and a network of contacts for "fenc-On one occasion the pair

fringes of south London. They cal" past come thick and fast. Mortimer recalled: "One day Helier Tavern, where Charlie I said to Bob Tve got a drum, I need a set of wheels mate. He came back and said: 'Tve got one.' It was an ambulance.'

> The emergency vehicle provided excellent cover. "No-one is going to stop an ambulance at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. It was someone's large private house and Bob just backed it up. We even used the chair lift house. How we got away with it, I just don't know."

An engaging man, Mortimer readily admits that his tales of a murky past are hardly the stuff of a typical vicarage tea

were paid £200 to wreck a home in 4'/in even though I had a nick so many times he became in the London suburbs. "As the bloke opened the door, we had him with a dub hammer. We smashed the place up and was out again in two minutes ... There's a bloke in Surrey who's got a metal plate in his head because I did him with an iron bar. If I could find him I would

beg him to forgive me. There was a tyre lever handy. It was private property. He was in a coma. When he come round he wouldn't press whien we were emptying the charges because he was house. How we got away with scared. I denied doing it and the Old Bill had to let me go."

One gang fight led to an ecstasy in those days."said appearance at the Old Bailey. Mortimer. "It was Greek Cypriots. I turned my back on one of them and he pulled out a Stiletto. It was five inches long and went

sports jacket and overcoat on.

"One of them got badly hurt

and they tried to put it down to me, but it got dropped at trial." The two clergymen both had appalling childhoods, Turney's father committed suicide when he was 10; while Mortimer was

the youngest of eight. By the time they were young men, both were heavily dependent on drink and drugs.

"I was mugging people, drinking heavily and pushing drugs. Speed, dex, bluies. smoke. Anything I could get

But it was Turney's drink dependency, which led to the break-up of their criminal partnership. "He was in and out of a hit of a liability," said Mortimer, who claims he "got good at not getting caugh!" until he found himself in a Young Offenders Institution, accused of hurglary and attacking a man with a knife.

The pair drifted apart, but 15 years ago, in different locations and circumstances, both became born-again Christians and have been crime-free since.

After release from prison, Turney worked in a bail hostel before going to Reading University - where he gained a

attaining professional qualifications as a probation officer.

Turney, 54, who is married with five children, has written a critically-acclaimed autobiography, I'm Still Standing, and his new book, Going Straight, will feature the success stories of other reformed What I'm doing now is pay-

ing back," he said. "Trying to have a positive input into the community instead of a negative one. I have tried to make amends to some of the people I have ripped off, but so many of them are anonymous to me."

Mortimer, 45, has a congregation of 180 in north London... who know about his criminal. past. "When I was interviewed by the denomination all this had hold of, although there was no degree in social work - and to come up. They were fine ister with a congregation."

John Lawrence/Neville Elder about it because I had been out

of trouble for so long. Pente-

costal people believe in being

born again and being saved." Mortimer, who is married with three children, "found God" after a court decided to refer him to a psychiatrist, who was also a Salvation Army colonel. He ended up free of drink and drugs, and with a Cambridge University diploma in Theology.

South London's underworld is bemused. "I saw some of my old mates recently but they didn't know how to talk to me. They thought I'd gone mental," said Mortimer

"But if I had carried on with crime I would now by up or someone would have topped me. Instead I'm a min-

Second Man U bidder in ring

BY PETER THAL LARSEN

SHARES IN Manchester United are set to soar again this morning on news that a rival bidder is considering topping British Sky Broadcasting's £623.4m offer for the Premier League football club.

Salomon Smith Barney, the US investment bank, yesterday confirmed that it had approached Manchester United's financial advisers, HSBC, on behalf of a client who "has asked us to contact HSBC to assess the feasibility of a hid."

A spokesworman for Salomon said it was routine for rival companies to weigh up a counteroffer in the wake of a takeover being announced.

The identity of the counterbidder remains unclear, but a number of large companies, both inside and outside the UK are known to be concerned that a successful bid by BSkyB. which is 40 per cent owned by Rupert Murdoch, would give the media mogul an unbeatable lead in the battle for paytelevision viewers.

However, a rival bidder would struggle to justify paying a higher price than BSkyB, which already holds the rights to show live Premier League football.

Other potential bidders had been expected to wait until the Office of Fair Trading decides whether to recommend BSkyB's bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission before making a move.

However, the hroadcasters' decision to buy 9 per cent of Manchester United shares on the stock market last Thursday may have forced its rivals'

BSkyB is permitted to buy the shares for as long as the price remains below the level of its bid. Manchester United shares closed at 221.5p on Friday - almost 20p below the value of BSkyB's cash and shares offer.

Martin Edwards, Manchester United's chief executive, has committed his 14 per cent shareholding in the club to BSkyB, effectively giving the broadcaster control over a 23 per cent stake.

Divorced woman painter MPs demand answers to be ordained a priest

A MOTHER aged 67 will today become the Irish Catholic Church's first woman priest, a symbol of a growing challenge

to Vatican orthodoxy. Frances Meigh, who is also an icon painter, will be ordained by a rebel bishop in St Andrew's Church in the picturesque Louth village of Omeath. She began her religious life after the break-up of her marriage, then worked with Mother Teresa in Calcutta, writing a book on the life of a doctor on which Channel 4 based a documentary.

The Church annulled the marriage, a procedure effectively saying a marriage never existed, despite her adult family of three. She also secured a divorce. One daughter will be at today's service as will several Catholic priests, quietly backing an end to the tradition of a

BY ALAN MURDOCH in Dublin

male-only priesthood. The former Mrs Meigh, to be known as The Very Reverend Mother Frances, will open the Church daily for prayers, mass and the sacraments, and also work on icons at a hermitage outside the village. She has spent the last fortnight on a religious retreat in Antrim, largely avoiding personal publicity.

tury Pope, the English-born Joan, who, it subsequently emerged, had been a woman, Catholicism's sole female priest in recent centuries was one oring shortage of clergy half a century ago.

The latest development is part of a wider rebellion in the women to the priesthood as

He claims he had enthusiastic public backing after arguing his case on Irish television's weekly Questions and Answers dis-Though excommunicated by Rome in June, Buckley's ele-

vation to bishop has been given ambiguous part-recognition by the Church as "valid hut unlawful". The liberal cleric has tapped a large constituency of couples unable to secure wed-Though there was a 9th cendings in a Catholic church elsewhere because of divorce or mixed religion strictures.

With the Church still reeling after nationwide prosecutions of priests on sex abuse charges dained by a Czech bishop dur- in the last five years, views expressed widely on radio and in print this month suggest many Irish Catholics see admitting

faith led by Bishop Pat Buckley. long overdue. The scandal also reduced sharply the number of would-be priests.

Overall recruitment has fallen 85 per cent since 1965. By 1996 diocesan applications for the priesthood numbered just 131, (193 in 1994) with 52 new entrants. Among cierical holy orders only 88 applied, with 39 new admissions.

In Dublin alone, this means that while around 15 priests die each year, only three new priests are ordained annually. In the large Cork diocese no new male priests have been ordained in the last two years.

But hardline opposition to women does exist. "Tve had threats from someone in Tipperary threatening to burn my two churches and to rape Frances," Buckley said. Police

on £34m bronze facade

BY KATHY MARKS

MPS ARE to demand an explanation over a decision to spend £34m on a bronze facade at their. palatial new offices opposite the House of Commons.

The glass and sandstone building will provide space for 205 MPs, many of whom have had to work in cramped conditions. But it has been dogged by controversy over soaring costs that have reached £250m more than £1m for each MP. The hill for the hronze

cladding, said to be the most costly used on an office block, is disclosed in court documents lodged in connection with a lawsuit brought by a firm that failed to win the contract. Syd Rapson, (Lab, Ports-mouth North), and a member of the all-party Commons ac-



commodation and works committee, said yesterday: "I am amazed that the facade is so expensive. When we return, I will be asking for a justification of

The works committee approved construction contracts

for the seven-storey block be-

fore Labour came to power. Mr Rapson said: "When I joined in 1997, the contracts had been placed. But I will need to be convinced, and so will my Labour and Liberal Democrat colleagues, that this represents

value for money. We are very hot on anything that smacks of waste or extravagance."

The building, to be completed in 2000, was designed by the architect Sir Michael Hopkins, who worked on the Glyndebourne opera house. It will have a central courtyard with sandstone pillars, an arched glass canopy over cafes, shops, and a 200-seat restaurant

The original budget, approved by the Commons in 1992, was £130m. The rise has been hlamed on inflation, and on delays in construction of the new Westminster Tube station below the site.

Defenders of the building have said it is designed to last 200 years and there would have been an outcry if the best materials had not been used in

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Hirst's sheep give Britain art failure

By DAVID LISTER Arts News Editor

BRITAIN'S favourite artist is John Constable, the English landscape painter who died more than 160 years ago.

It is his serene landscape The Hay Wain, and not Damien Hirst's pickled sheep, that is the country's idea of what great art should be, according to a Mori survey. Indeed, while Hirst may have a high media profile and be the darling of the London exhibition circuit, the country at large barely notices him.

The poll, of more than 800 adults across Britain, was carried out by Mori for BBC2's new art series, Close Up. In the survey, 41 per cent cite Constable as their favourite artist, with modern artists such as David Hockney and Andy Warhol appealing to less than 10 per cent. Damien Hirst was popular with only 2 per cent, while 70 per cent said they had no opinion of his work at all

Close Up editor Michael Poole, who, as executive producer of The Late Show helped to promote young British artists such as Hirst, said: "I would like to think this says more about market research and focus groups than it does about British taste in art."

But the findings leave little room for doubt about the nation's preferences. Respondents were given a list of nine artists and asked if the work of

each appealed to them. Constable found favour with 41 per cent. Then came Claude Monet (34 per cent), Vincent van Gogh (31 per cent), Turner (25 per cent), Pablo Picasso (16 per cent), Salvador Dali (11 per cent), Warhol (6 per cent), Hockney (6 per cent) and Hirst (2 per cent).

Among findings in the survey it emerged that Monet had most appealed to women, the middle classes and those aged 55 and over.

Picasso, Dali and Warhol have a strong fan base with the under-35s, particularly among middle-class males. Damien Hirst finds most support from Londoners, who are likelier to have seen his work.



1 John Constable. Visitors to the National Gallery in London admiring 'The Hay Wain' yesterday. The work of the 19th-century English landscape painter is admired by every age group in the survey Rui Kovier



4: Turner ('Rain, Steam and Speed'). The prolific artist has nothing to do with the art prize bearing his name



2: Monet ('Waterlilles', above) and 3: Van Gogh ('Sunflowers'). The survey found that both artists are more popular with women and older people



5: Picasso ('The Dance') An under-35s favourite



6: Dali ('Meditation on the Harp'). Liked by Londoners

paintings of outdoor scenes appeal to 80 per cent of respondents. Regional differences are most apparent in the style of paintings; 63 per cent of Welsh respondents preferred paintings with smooth flat surfaces, When it comes to the content, while only 30 per cent of those



7: Warhol (Marilyn Monroe). The original pop artist is a hit with the under-35s

questioned in the West Mid- of Scots like their art this big. lands had the same preference.

When it comes to size, 51 per cent of respondents in Yorkshire prefer their paintings to be as large as a full-sized reof the Welsh and 14 per cent ences in attitudes to art. Mid- terms. Men are more likely than claim to be the most active act sioned by Close Up for the BBC2 on Wednesday.

Blue emerges as the nation's most popular colour, with

two thirds naming it as their The Mori survey appeared to frigerator, while only 5 per cent find both sex and class differ- curves and more random pat-

dle-class adults preferred bold, stark designs with sharp angles and geometric patterns while working class respondents expressed a preference for playful, whimsical designs with soft

of the contemporary artists who figured in the survey women to opt for darker shades while women generally prefer vibrant or paler colours.

Four out of five people claimed to visit art galleries and museums. Men, middle class adults and people from London

support an increase in governfour strongly so. And 56 per cent said they definitely do not intend

to visit the Millennium Dome. The study was commis-

taly Komar and Alexander research to create a single painting that sums up the taste of the nation. Close Up will screen on



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Tough love from the man at the DTI

In his first interview as a Cabinet minister, Peter Mandelson talks to Andrew Grice

TWENTY-ONE years ago, an 1979 "winter of discontent" – Mr Labour, and most had no desire eager young Trades Union Con-Mandelson learnt some useful to turn the clock back. "Their gress researcher took the notes of the meetings between cabinet Callaghan's government and

Such was the strict hierarchy at the TUC that Peter Mandelson was not allowed to write up the official minutes; that was

someone else's job.

As the social contract between the government and unions disintegrated over pay awards – and led to the 1978-

lessons for his present post.

As Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Mr Man-delson is responsible for industhe "big six" trade union leaders. trial relations, and will return to address the organisation which gave him his first job when be speaks at the TUC conference

in Blackpool on Thursday. In his first interview since his promotion to the Cabinet last July, Mr Mandelson revealed a simple lesson drawn from his 18 months observing the daily haggling between ministers and union bosses in the late

Seventies: "Never again". He explained: "Although the economy was rebalanced, the trade unions had become far too enmeshed in politics and gov-ernment. By the same token, the government had sacrificed too much of its perceived independence to a sectional interest.

... The motivation on everyone's part was very good, but the relationship became too close and claustrophobic."

Today's union bosses know there is little prospect of being smothered with love by Mr Mandelson, and they have little love for him. Although personal re-lations are cordial so far, he is viewed with suspicion in the labour movement. He is a leading architect of Tony Blair's modernisation project, a central tenet of which is to distance New Labour from its union founders.

However, Mr Mandelson will travel to Blackpool in a more conciliatory mood than his audience might expect. After cutting short a trade visit to South Africa, he will tell the unions they have "as important a place as anyone else in the Governunt's modernising project". He said: "We are pertners in creating both a modernised and fair society and if the unions continue to embrace change, then the future will look after them in return."

Mr Mandelson views the try but as one integral part of the competitors', they will suffer." business world. "Employees are just as much a part of business as employers are. Whether it's the TUC or CBI [Confederation of british Industry], everyone will get the same message from me. I don't tailor my arguments or language for different audiences. My forthcoming speeches to the TUC and CBI will be

leadership takes a very sober and practical approach to their relations with the Government There is a reasonableness which has surprised many people who believed we would either be in bed with each other or at each other's throats. We are neither: We have our respective roles, we can talk as adults; we share the same goals to modernise our country and economy.

However, he believes the unions have not managed to live down their "old image" in the media, unlike Labour. He said the unions had started to catch up, and pointed to their "effective campaign and lobbying" before a White Paper extending workers' rights in May (on which he will bring in legislation

over the coming year). So how would Labour's most infamous spin doctor advise the unions to improve their image?
"Above all, they should talk

realistically and with credibility about the economy, the impact of globalism and the limits on national economic policies in this new environment. There is no point in simply reverting to the old slogans and old demands. To the unions' credit, we don't see that by and large."

The Secretary of State rejected the TUC's plea for the Government to change the remit of the Bank of England's monetary policy committee, to make it take account of jobs and growth as well as inflation when fixing interest rates.

"To introduce confusing and contradictory objectives would result in confused and weaker decisions," he said. "That is the last thing the economy needs. and the conduct of monetary policy needs."

He had an equally tough message for businessmen who complain about the level of sterling. "This is the time for companies to be looking at the full range of their relative costs.

Mr Mandelson said wage rises without productivity gains had made many manufacturing firms less competitive. "As a priority, they should addressing what they can do most about. There is no point in hiding be-

hind the value of the pound." In Blackpool on Thursday, there will be no hiding place for Mr Mandelson, and it will be in-The unions, he insisted, had teresting to see how the TUC modernised themselves like greets its former employee.

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More rail users voice complaints

COMPLAINTS about privatised BY KIM SENGUPTA railways have risen by 82 per cent in a year, with mounting passenger disquiet about most spects of services.

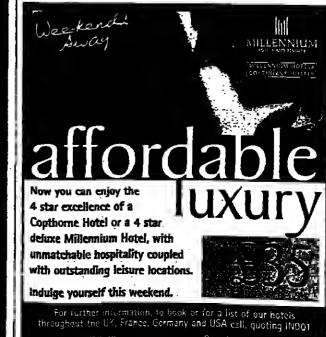
Greatest dissatisfaction has been over punctuality, with an increase of 145 per cent, while complaints about the telephone service rose by 152 per cent. There were also more complaints about timetabling, comfort, safety and security.

In the 12 months to June 1998, punctuality worsened on 48 of the 64 routes. A total of 25

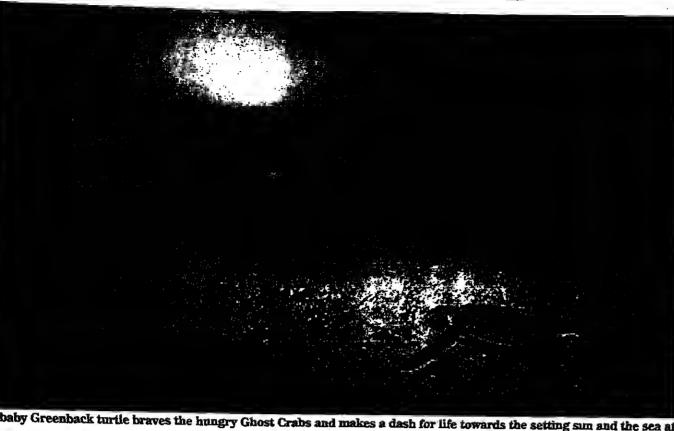
Charter punctuality targets. Complaints from passengers

in the Midlands, Scotland and western England doubled. Silverlink's North London routes

The rise in complaints is expected to strengthen Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott's efforts to set up a strategic Rail Authority with more power



MoD battles against shell shortage





A baby Greenback turtle braves the hungry Ghost Crabs and makes a dash for life towards the setting sun and the sea at Akrotini and a Griffon vulture wheels from its cliff nest above Episkopi Bay

Brian Harris

IT SEEMS an unlikely haven for an endangered species but the drought-stricken and densely militarised island of Cyprus is tles facing extinction.

Calmert minister

Andrew Grice

helping to protect the nests of ter than it has done for years. Loggerhead and Green turtles have been almost critically devesting. There are now only an estimated 500 mature female Loggerhead counterparts left in the Mediterranean.

According to Flight Lieudinator of the MoD "Turtlewatch" scheme on RAF Akrotiri in southern Cyprus, the coastline within the UK's sovereign bases is perfect nesting territory because it is safe from the inexorable tide of commercial development that

He hopes that record numbers of hatched turtles on the versity who patrol through the RAF base in southern Cyprus four-month nesting season. this summer - more than 1500 They check the tracks of turtles so far - will help to boost the who have come out of the sea numbers of both Green and to lay their eggs and oversee a Loggerhead mature females.

We have a number of breeding beaches which we haven't to foxes and Ghost Crabs. allowed to become commercialised or centres of tourism, said Fit Lt Knowles, who runs Turtlewatch in his spare time. the British military in Cyprus. "Turtles have come here for more than 2 million years. Everyone who is involved is attempting to conserve what is an endangered species facing extinction in the Mediterranean."

A total of 38 nests on four hreeding coves in Akrotiri should produce more than 2,000 turtles by the end of the summer. It is hoped that at least 10 per cent of these will survive to maturity and come back and lay their eggs on these same

Members of Turtlewatch,

part of a larger project run by Cypriots, monitor nests on the beaches with cages and move them if they are too near the waterline or too far from the sea. Beaches on RAF Akrotiri and the two other Sovereign Base Areas offer protection from the noise of discos and

boats, fishing, beach parties

By LINUS GREGORIADIS

and obstacles such as sunbeds. In Cyprus, where there are the scene of a reprieve for turon the northern, Turkish-oc-British forces on the island's cupied part of the island, the Ministry of Defence bases are prognosis for turtles looks bet-

But Fit Lt Knowles, 33, is whose once plentiful numbers quick to sound a note of caution. "What we do here will not work pleted by pollution and har- if pollution and tourist development continues at the rate it has done. We have to hope fac-Green Turtles and 200 of their tors outside our control work in our favour"

Little is known about the migratory and nesting habits of tenant Andy Knowles, the co-or- turtles beyond the fact that females instinctively return to lay their eggs near the area where they themselves were hatched. Green Turtles are believed to go back to the very same beach.

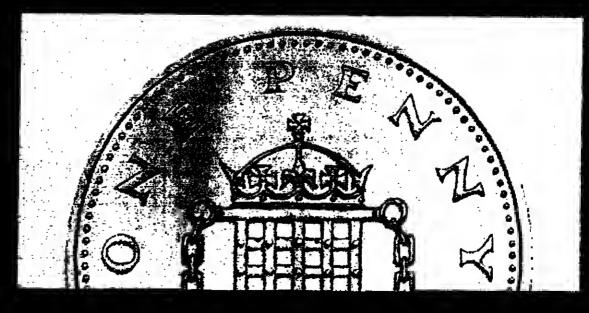
Turtlewatch, advertised with posters and local radio, is made up of volunteers from the threatens wildlife elsewhere. armed forces, expatriates and students from Glasgow Unisafe passage back for baby turties who can easily fall victim

Loggerhead and Green turtles are not the only species benefiting from the vigilance of Griffon vultures, whose numbers on the island have been reduced from hundreds to a recent all-time low of 24, are also being monitored by the MoD in conjunction with the local authorities.

The impressive creatures, whose wingspan can measure 2.5 metres, fly around the cliffs of Episkopi Bay on the west of the Akrotiri peninsula. Seven new chicks have been fledged this year, according to the MoD which is backing a plan to set up a special feeding station where the birds can eat safely.

The griffons, many of which have fallen victim to hunters and pollution in the food chain, do not breed until they are four or five years old and suf-fer a high infant mortality rate. Three young birds hatched in nests on the Episkopi cliffs were found dead this year.

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Italy jails Briton for drugs plot

A BRITISH woman is serving an 11-year sentence in an Italian jail after being convicted of drug-trafficking in her absence, the Foreign Office said yesterday. Ruth Sandberg, 36, of Essex, who was arrested while on holiday in June, was found guilty of masterminding a plot to smuggle 150kg of cocaine into the country by a Naples court in March 1997.

500 troops to pull out of Ulster

UP TO 500 troops are set to pull out of Northern Ireland in the coming weeks as the security scaledown continues. The move follows a decision to cease army foot patrols in Belfast because of the reduced terrorist threat, but patrols will be kept up for the time being in other parts of the province.

Man charged with trio's murder

THAMES VALLEY POLICE said last night that Alan Hobbs. 31, had been charged with the murders of Gillian Harvey, 30, Ian Brown, 36, and Peter Smith, 31. The bodies of the three, believed to have been killed with an axe, were found at Ms Harvey's flat in Slough, Berkshire, on 3 September.

Inquiry into fire station rape claim

POLICE CONFIRMED yesterday that an investigation was underway following a woman's claims that she was attacked at a West Yorkshire fire station, drugged and raped by three firemen after going for a drink with them.

Eurofighter grounded at airshow THE MULTI-million-pound Eurofighter failed to fly for the second day at the Farnborough Air Show yesterday. An embarrassed British Aerospace apologised to the 300,000 visitors, saying the advanced warplane had "gone sick".

One ticket wins Lottery £11m

ONE TICKET scooped Saturday night's £11m National Lottery rollover jackpot. The winning numbers were 15, 33, 3, 23, 28, and 25 with the bonus number 29. A total of 13 tickets got five numbers and the bonus to win £173,901.

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West will reject call for loans to Russia

a supplicant at a specially-scheduled meeting of the leading industrialised countries, G7. The meeting at hand, and for printing meeting at Lancaster House will address the Russian crisis, but the chances of the Russians receiving any kind of financial satisfaction are slim.

One concession has been made: make an appearance to make their case directly. But the concept of G8 - in other words, where Russia was allowed to join the top table, as happened in Birmingham just a few months ago - has now gone by the

The Russian government had liked to boast of its G8 membership, proving that it was seen as a leading economic player. But, in the words of Kommersant daily, "The crisis has shown that that was premature; again, the West has to save

The West is less eager to be held responsible for Russia's salvation. As one Western diplomat in Moscow noted, there is "no chance" of Russia's demands being satisfied in London today. The general perception is that until Russia comes up with a credible economic policy, any new loans to Moscow would be merely throwing good money after

Most Western governments issued vague or warm endorsements of the new prime minister, Yevgeny Primakov, when he was approved on Friday. He is regarded (to use Margaret Thatcher's line on Mikhail Gorbachev) as "somebody

we can do husiness with." But Viktor Gerashchenko, the new chairman of Russia's central bank, and Yuri Maslyukov, the deputy prime minister who looks set to be the new economic supremo, are less than natural partners. Both men appear to be enthusiasts for the command economy, on the one denied the charges.

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hand, and for printing more roubles to solve money supply problems on the other. Diplomats say that some of the "welcome, Yuri" messages released on Friday were penned before Western government leaders Russian officials will be allowed to realised the nature of Mr Primakov's chosen economic team.

One of the main reformist politicians, Grigory Yavlinsky, whose Yabloko party approved the nomi-nation of Mr Primakov last week, has made it clear that Yabloko will not participate in the new government because of its current make-up.

Boris Fyodorov, a key economic reformer in the previous government, has said publicly he will not resign. If Mr Primakov sacks him, yet more of the government's credfbility will be squandered.

Mr Primakov held a meeting yesterday of law-enforcement ministers, including the new interior and defence ministers, at the headquarters of the foreign intelligence service (which he used to head); details of the meeting were

In a reminder of the continuing chaos at the heart of Russian policy, President Yeltsin's loyal press secretary, Sergei Yastrzhembsky, was forced out at the weekend. Apart from Mr Yeltsin's own daughter, Tatyana, there is now almost nobody left in the presidential circle of confidants who has survived the repeated purges of recent years.

There was a reminder, too, of how murky Russian politics are liable to appear. The general prosecutor has opened a criminal case for bribery and abuse of power against Anatoly Sobchak, the for-mer mayor of St Petersburg who was once seen as a leading light of Russian reform. Mr Sobchak has



Bankers poised to avert Wall Street crash

OFFICIALS FROM the Group of Seven leading economies hold an emergency meeting in London today with one item on the agenda: how to respond to the crisis that top-furt, had not caught pled the South-east Asian tigers a year ago, reached Russia this sum-mer, has just landed in Brazil and now looks certain to knock on to us. Leaders of the Western world have decided it is finally time for action.

A likely outcome of today's meeting is an agreement that the G7 central banks will stand poised to co-ordinate a reduction in interest rates if - when - Wall Street crashes. In a desperate measure last week the Bank of Japan took its already low interest rate closer to zero. But traders in the financial markets now expect both the US Federal Reserve and the Bank of England to make borrowing cheaper, keeping a head of steam under the US and UK economies and helping out the banks being hammered by losses on their loans to Asia and Russia.

Alan Greenspan, the Fed chair-man, went out of his way in a recent speech to indicate that he stood ready to lower US rates in response to the world crisis. Last week, after its decision not to cut loan rates just yet, the Bank of England issued an unprecedented statement that it would be monitoring the risks closely. The markets read this as a signal that it might step in before next month's formal meeting of its Mon-

etary Policy Committee. While many critics would argue that the G7 response has come not a moment too soon, something has happened to make the authorities seriously worried. That something is that for the first time the turmoù in emerging markets seems likely to darken the economic outlook in the West, President Bill Clinton, for one, will fear repercussions of a slow-down or recession after seven years of healthy growth. European politicians do not want to launch the euro in three months into the stormy seas of a world financial crisis.-

For all the panic last year about the effect of a slump in Asia on the West, it was never likely to be very big. Individual companies have suffered a loss of exports but the scale of US and European trade with Asia was too small to do much damage to overall growth rates. Even adding Russia to the calculation would not necessarily have resulted in serious economic damage to the West if stock markets in New

York and London, Paris and Frankfurt, had not caught the contagion. There has been no big crash yet, but there might be, and share prices are already well down this year.

American jobs depend on Wall Street because the long US boom has been increasingly fuelled by con-sumer borrowing. The American savings rate has dropped to zero, give or take a decimal point or so. Why save the old-fashioned way when the paper value of your mutual fund investments in shares, or your executive stock options, have made you wealthy? So, in contrast to the 1987 crash, which was followed by a boom, a 1998 one could spell bust. And bust for the US means the same for the UK and the rest of Europe. If market rumours that some big investment banks are in danger of failing are true so much the worse.

Struggling banks withdraw credit from good customers as well as bad ones, and there are clear signs of a "credit crunch". At the start of this year Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, told The In-dependent that the world financial system already faced its most serious crisis since the Latin American debt crisis of the early 1980s. By now, it is clearly the worst since the early 1970s, and the gravest most of the current generation of officials and politicians have had to tackle.

Yet, contrary to the conclusion drawn by some hopeful pundits, this crisis does not draw down the final curtain on global free-market capitalism, in a neat symmetry with the end of Communism nearly a decade ago, While capitalism itself will survive, the argument goes, Anglo-Saxon triumphalism has had its come-uppance as the financial turmoil proves that one size of capitalism decidedly does not fit all.In fact, the crisis demonstrates exactly the reverse.

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rt Wall Bavarian win gives new hope to Kohl

CHANCELLOR Helmut Kohl's BY IMRE KARACS embattled government gleaned encouragement in Bavaria yesterday where their conservative allies preserved their majority in elections to the regional

Shaking off the national swing toward the Social Democrats, Bavaria's Christian Social Union won 52 per cent of the vote, about the same as four years ago. "This is a great result for us," declared Edwin Huber, finance minister in the CSU government. "We never thought we would do so well."

The Social Democrats, who also repeated their score of four years ago of about 30 per cent, hope their candidate for chancellor, Gerhard Schröder, will attract more Bavarian voters during the federal elec-

tions in two weeks. At one point in the camaign, the CSU appeared to be in danger of losing its absolute majority in the regional

assembly for the first time since 1962. Its weak showing in the polls was attributed not to Bavarian politics, but to the poor image of the party's Christian Democrat allies in Bonn, and especially Mr Kohl.

Edmund Stoiber, the ascetic Prime Minister of Bavaria, is generally recognised as the party's greatest asset, while his ally Mr Kohl is its greatest hindrance. For this reason, Mr Stoiber fought hard to keep the Chancellor as far away from Bavaria as possible.

In the end, Mr Kohl was allowed less than 10 appearances, under strict instruc-Bavarian politics and confine the federal elections. In his own speeches, Mr Stoiber did not few months ago. mention the Chancellor's name once.

Mr Stoiber and Mr Kohl are, in fact, poles apart on fundamental issues. While the Chancellor has eodeavoured to tions that he stay out of create the European single currency, Mr Stoiber camhis addresses to the subject of paigned for the postponement of the project as recently as a

> The Bayarians have openly addressed doubts about Mr



Kohl's ability to lead the con- much influence in the fight transforming Bavaria from an servative coalition to victory in

two weeks. They also disagree with him over his choice of successor. Wolfgang Schäuble. As Mr Kohl keeps being reminded, the Bavarians have

an opinion oo everything. It is Mr Stoiber's Euro-scepticism that lies at the heart of the conflict. "No state in Europe has as

against European Union centralism as Bavaria," he claimed on the campaign trail.

"We don't want the Brussels bureaucrats to regulate how we take care of the cows in Bavaria."

The CSU, which has governed Bavaria since the Second World War, claims credit for

level of debt and the lowest impoverished pastoral backcrime rate in Germany. It also water into a European centre lays claim to the country's best

for high-tech, which attracts almost 80 per cent of direct foreign investment coming into Germany.

Bavaria, as Mr Stoiber never ceases to point out, has the lowest unemployment rate around 7 per cent - the lowest vote tests peace accord

Bosnian

BY PHILIP GOMM in Sarajevo

VOTERS IN the Muslim-Croat federation and the Bosnian Serb republic went to the polls at the weekend. The 2.75m voters were electing a Bosnian Serb president, the combined state parliament, separate parliaments in the two entities, and a wetter of regiocat

International organisers bope to see moderates who accept the American-brokered 1995 Dayton accords that ended the 1992-5 war gain strength at the expense of

separatist hardliners. The Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe which is running the elections, estimated a turnout of 70 to 80 per ceut.

But even before the results are known there is concern about what they will mean for Bosnia.

Peter Paimer, an analyst, said: "Moderate nationalists will make progress, but they are still nationalists." Without some way of getting people to think beyond their ethnic ideneducatioo system, with a crutity, the West would need to be present in Bosnia for a long time to come, be added.

Lately, in a blatantly xenohobic campaign, the CSU The former Bosnian Serb blamed foreigners for the risleader Radodan Karadzic is still at large in Bosnia, wanting crime rate and promised to ed by the UN for alleged war

Australian PM rules out deal with Hanson

THE PACE of the Australia elec- BY JOANNA JOLLY tion campaign picked up yesterday as the Prime Minister, John Howard, vowed that his party would not go into coalition Nation Party.

Speaking in a head-to-head debate with the Labour Party opposition leader, Kim Beazley, shown on television last night, the Prime Minister described the One Nation Party as a "challenge" but insisted he would not

enter into any deals it. Mr Howard's pledge fol-lowed suggestions last week that several of his Liberal-National Coalition Party candidates might direct their votes to One Nation under the preferential voting system.

in Sydney

Mr Beazley was equally anxious to distance himself from with Pauline Hanson's right- One Nation; warning that dewing and anti-immigration One spite their poor showing in recent opinion polls, he did not regard Mrs Hanson's followers as a "spent force".

After winning 11 seats in the recent State Queensland election, Mrs Hanson has failed to attract a similar level of support in other states.

The heated debate between Australia's two main candidates gave the them a chance to appeal directly to voters in what, since the general election was announced two weeks ago, has been seen as an uninspiring campaign.

Answering questions on the economy, tax, beath, high unemployment, political credibili-ty and their vision for the future, both candidates made a pitch for the votes of the "Aussie bettler", the middle-income Australian whose vote will decide "the poll on 3 October

attention away from Mrs Hanson's divisive policies on to tax, saying he was risking his polit-ical future on the introduction of the most sweeping tax reforms in Australian history. "Unless we embrace fundamental change in this area, we are going to loose our competitiveness and the difficulty in the Asian-Pacific region is going to be far more severely visited upon us in the years ahead," he said.

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Taliban 'storm last stronghold'

AFGHANISTAN'S TALIBAN mili-tia claimed yesterday to have in Islamabad captured one of the last opposition strongholds, the Shia Muslim Barryan province, in the mountainous central region of the country. Its fall will alarm Iran, which said at the weekend that it was sending thousands of extra troops to the Afghan-Iran border, where 80,000 are already participating

in "military exercises". Taliban sources said a three

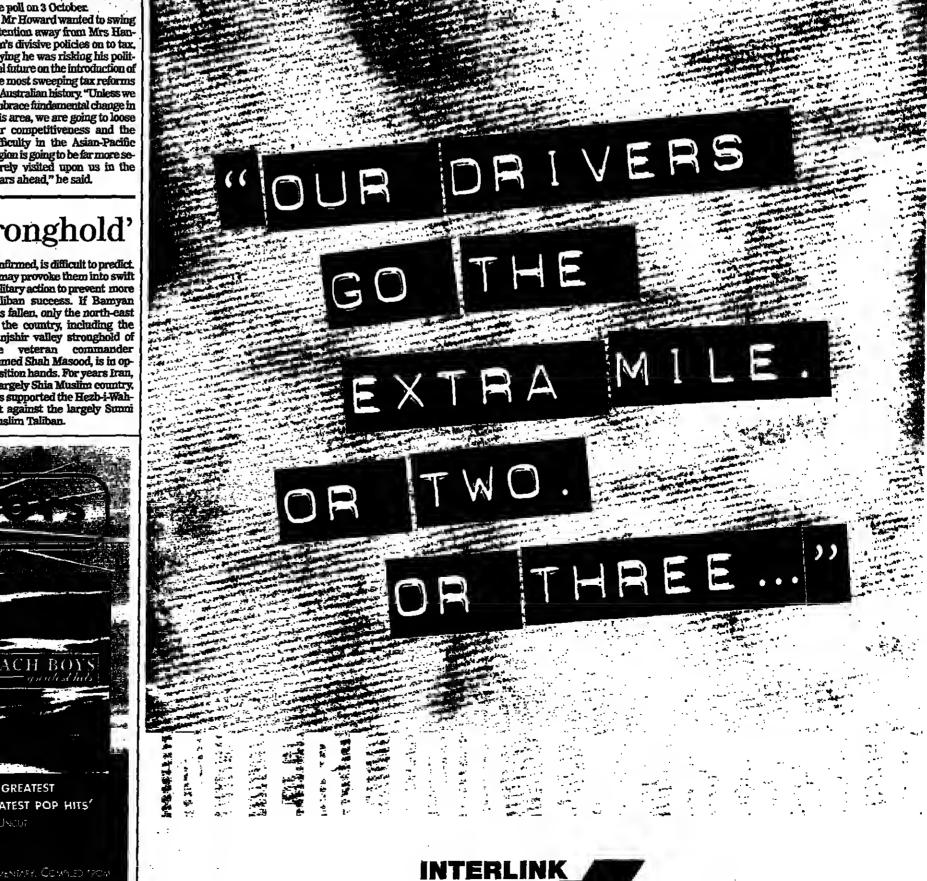
pronged attack won control of the province, with its crucial airstrip. Fighting was said to have been fierce, with a senior Talihan commander among the casualties. The Islamic militia reportedly bribed at least one opposition commander into switching sides.

How the Iranians will react to the defeat of their allies, if

confirmed, is difficult to predict. It may provoke them into swift military action to prevent more Taliban success. If Bamyan has fallen, only the north-east of the country, including the Panjshir valley stronghold of

Ahmed Shah Masood, is in opposition hands. For years Iran, a largely Shia Muslim country has supported the Hezb-i-Wahdat against the largely Sunni







Murder takes Albania to brink of war

THOUSANDS OF Albanian op- By Paul Wood position supporters rampaged through the capital Tirana yesterday, storming the prime min-ister's office building in a day of violent demonstrations which raised fears that the country is on the brink of civil war.

Volleys of shots rang out as the rioters broke into govern- in the most dramatic moment ment headquarters housing it could be." the office of the Socialist prime minister, Fatos Nano. Armed police ejected them after they tried to torch the building.

Government cars were turned over and set alight hy the demonstrators, supporters of the right-wing Democratic Party leader and former president Sali Berisha, himself ousted in an armed uprising last year. One demonstrator was said to have been killed and four police officers wounded.

The unrest follows the weekend murder of a leading Democratic Party politician Azem Hajdari, shot dead near opposition headquarters in Tirana by attackers in police uniforms.

Mr Berisha yesterday claimed the killing was a political assassination organised Balkans Correspondent

by the government and he called on the prime minister to resign within 24 hours "to avoid the worst".

Mr Berisha told the BBC World Service: "The country is

Tirana is abuzz with rumours about why Mr Hajdari, a former student leader, was killed. But the claim that the authorities were behind the murder was dismissed by political analysts as "absurd".

Yesterday's riots showed that the Albanian government is unable to maintain order, even in the capital, when confronted by a direct challenge. Few believe it would be in the Socialists' interests to provoke unrest by killing one of their opponents. The government also yesterday condemned the mur-der and announced a \$100,000

reward to catch the killers. Among the theories circulating in Tirana is that Mr Hajdari was a casualty in the gang war to control the lucrative

hlack-market in weapons being smuggled to ethnic Albanian rebels in Serbia, the Kosovo Liberation Army. He was from the northern town of Tropoja the centre of operations for weapons smugglers – and one source close to the KLA said Mr Hajdari's clan was involved in

Others say Mr Hajdari was killed in one of Albania's traditional blood feuds, or even that he was murdered by the Serbian secret police. Mr Berisha's opponents are circulating the opinion that the former president had a hand in the killing, or is taking advantage of it.

the trade.

"He is trying to organise a civil war to get back into office," said one Tirana political insider and long-standing critic of Mr Berisha. "He has been threatening to do this for a long time and now it has started." Mr Berisha was elected in

1992, Albania's first democratic leader after 50 years of a brutal Communist dictatorship which had closed the country to the outside world and left its citizens the poorest in Europe. But five years later, he was Violence erupting during protests in Tirana, Albania, yesterday at the killing on Saturday of the opposition leader Azem Hajdari Arben Ceti ejected from office after wideof the current unrest to usurp power and denied trying to

> cratic Party would not take office again until the Albanian people had voted in a new elec-

"A political solution is vital for

this country," he said. Tension Army, regrouping as it suffers claim that KLA fighters may is rising as the end of Mr defeat after defeat at the hands well be used by Mr Berisha if is rising as the end of Mr

Some see the unrest as a side effect of the war in Kosovo. Albania is a refuge for soldiers of the Kosovo Liberation

erous in his support of the Kosvars, accusing the Socialist government of watching while genocide is committed against their ethnic kin. His opponents

civil war does break out in Al-

Last night there were unconfirmed reports that Democratic Party supporters had set up roadblocks on the national highway outside Tirana.



spread protests about fraudulent pyramid investment of the Serbian security forces. Berisha's 24-hour deadline for whip up supporters. schemes - in which most Al-He pledged that the Demothe prime minister to resign Mr Berisha has been vocifbanians lost money - turned approaches later today.

Professor fights to save his piece of old Peking

EIGHTY-YEAR-OLD Zhao Jingxin is fighting to preserve a way of life. On 15 February, he was informed that his home would - an everyday hazard in fast-

changing Peking. But Mr Zhao's house, where the family has lived since 1950, differs from most. It is a wellpreserved 17th-century traditional courtyard, right in the centre of Peking, just south of Ping'an (Peaceful) Avenue.

This year, peaceful is not a word which sorings to mind when walking to Mr Zhao's address. Ping'an Avenue, 150 CITY LIFE

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be demolished for development yards away, is being widened into an eight-lane artery. But the city's government does not have enough money to pay for the venture, so it has sold development rights to land along the road. The Wangfojing Real Estate Development Corporation seized the rights to develop a block of land, including Mr Zhao's property and the homes of all his neighbours.

But Mr Zhao, a retired university professor, made a stand, "I wrote to the National People's citizens living here for years, even decades, give way to the land development companies?"

He received no reply. A letter to Peking's mayor also brought no response. But have been built inside the Peking's scholars and cultural experts rallied around. "The big professors, they all want to protect this house, because the courtyard houses are special," Bulldozers started to level said Mr Zhao. Press articles the homes next door in March. highlighted the Zhaos' plight.

Little thought has been given by Peking's planners to preserving what is left of the old Congress [parliament] in city, the narrow lanes and March I said, why should we homes huilt around walled city, the narrow lanes and compounds. Most of these homes are overcrowded, squalid, and lack toilets, and it would be impractical to restore them. Usually, extra huildings courtyard, leaving people cooped up with no privacy. These residents are often happy to move out to modern apartments, although they tend to be shunted out to distant

into armed insurrection.

The former president

claimed yesterday that he

would not try to take advantage

But Mr Zhao's courtyard is different. It is one of a few still intact and still used by a single family. A central square garden full of rose bushes is surrounded by single-storey, greybricked rectangular buildings, with roofs of distinctive fluted tiles. Inside, delicate carved wooden screen doors divide the different rooms. It is simple, and typical of the style in which late Ming and early Qing dynasty court officials were housed with the added benefit of running water and late 20thcentury conveniences installed by the Zhao family.

Zhao said. "You can build new buildings without demolishing Peking's original face. I was notified that this house was to be demolished because they wanted to build a shopping mall or something ... these real-estate corporations just want to get

the land and make money." The result is that Mr Zhao's courtyard is an island in a people moved in," he said. wasteland of debris and rubble.

"We are not against mod- Vanishing China: a view of old Peking

freehold ownership. "We have still inhabited by other families. the deeds," said Mr Zhao.

more families were drafted in to have to move out, but too many

In 1973 the courtyard was re-

how you modernise it," Mr His late father, a famous theol- turned to the Zhaos, although ogy professor, bought the house an adjoining one, which was in 1950 and the family claims part of the original property, is

Reuters

With the help of lobbying by During the Cultural Revoluscholars, the original plan for tion the Zhao family was nine tall buildings was blocked. scholars, the original plan for stripped of ownership, and four The developers were told that any new buildings should be share his courtyard. "We did not grey, should not be more than 60ft high, and with Ming or Qing architectural characteristics. "My house is that style. So why

should they tear it down? How can you tear down a late-Ming dynasty and rebuild it somewhere else?" Mr Zhao said.

He is well-connected, thanks partly to his proficiency on the tennis court, a sport popular with several party and government leaders, with whom he plays regularly. But he insists he has not tried to pull strings to save his home.

The problem in China is the absence of channels through which to argue one's case m such a situation. Mr Zhao cannot find out who owns the development company, or why the district land and housing department gave permiss when it should have been the

job of the municipal authorities. Recently the relative of a policeman told him his home may be spared. "But they will never tell me if this is the case," he said. Mr Zhao plans this year to visit his brother in the United States, but does not know if his home will be standing when he comes back.

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Bank starts talks on wartime gold

AUSTRIA'S Creditanstalt bank has started talks with Jewish groups and Israel to examine its alleged wartime involvement in transit of gold robbed from Jews. The bank, part of the Bank Austria BA/CA group, said it sought a memorandum of understanding so its past could be studied and the question of reparation settled.

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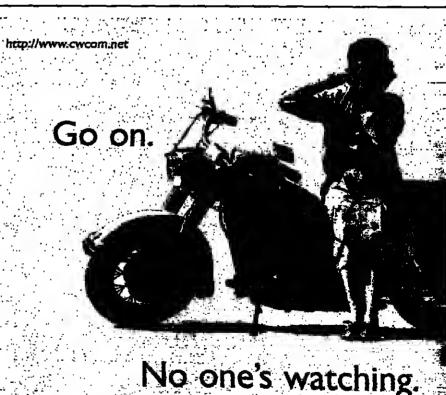
ISRAEL BRACED for attacks by Islamic militants yesterday, deploying troops to guard bus stops, shopping centres and other possible targets. The group Hamas has vowed revenge for the Israeli killing of two top members of their military wing last week.

Pilgrims progress

MORE THAN 1,200 Greek Cypriots made a pilgrimage to a remote monastery in the Turkish Cypriot section of ethnically divided Cyprus. The trip was the third in 13 months, part of reciprocal gestures encouraged by the UN to improve Turkish-Greek relations on the island.

Floods recede

BANGLADESH ruled out the possibility of famine in spite of food shortages caused by the country's worst floods. Floodwater levels dropped further yesterday, taking more pressure off a key embankment protecting more than a million people on the eastern fringe of the capital, Dhaka.



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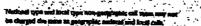
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BRIEFING

Labour ponders merger reform

THE GOVERNMENT is considering plans to remove jecisions on mergers and takeovers from the hands of then ruling on takeover bids affecting companies that

A shake-up of the present system had already been fleated by Chancellor Gordon Brown before Peter Mandelson, Trade and Industry Secretary, faced calls to stand aside from BSkyB £623m bid for Manchester United. But the controversy has given new impetus to Mr Brown's plan. Mr Mandelson said that he would look into whether a more independent element should be introduced into competition policy, but ruled out amending the Competition Bill now going through Parliament, so any reforms could be at least two years away.

Pilkington strengthens board



PILKINGTON, the world's biggest glassmaker, will strengthen its board this week with the appointment of three heavyweight non-

left) of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, James Leng, chief executive of Laporte, and Oliver Stocken, finance director at Barclays - join company undergoes a

Crest to cut European share costs

yesterday unveiled plans to cut the cost of European share transactions for retail investors by developing a pan-European settlement network. Crest said that this should keep transaction charges down to as little as 60p or one euro

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Supermarkets attack OFT investigation into profits

politicians by handing them to a powerful new regulatory ody. The controversial move would help ministers head off allegations that they had a potential conflict of interest conate money to the Labour Party or have close links with



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major corporate restructuring. Pilkington, led by chairman Sir Nigel Rudd and chief executive Paolo Scaroni, bopes the appointments will improve investor sentiment. The company's shares have underperformed the stock market by 30 per ceot in the last year. In June it reported a £100m pre-tax loss, partly due to the restructuring programme which involves the closure, merger or sale of 70 businesses and 7,500 job cuts.

CREST, the settlement system for UK and Irish securities, for the trading of foreign equities between its members.

THE INTERNATIONAL Mone-

after warning that resources were near an all-time low following a year of record finan-

\$12bn in "lendable" resources. To put this in perspective, Russia spent \$4bn in a matter of days in a futile attempt to prop up the rouble.

need for the US House of Representatives to approve an increase in contributions. "The major problem is the lack of action in the House," he said.

early-1980s.

In the year ending April 1998 - before the latest Fund assistance to Russia - member countries drew nearly \$26bn from the IMF's general resources account, nearly four times the level of the previous year.

The IMF said: "The Asian financial crisis that broke out in July 1997 in Thailand, and its subsequent global reverberations, dominated the IMF's work. The crisis prompted a record level of IMF lending in 1997/98, adding immediacy to the need to strengthen the financial resources of the institution to enable it to continue playing a fully effective role."

The unprecedented level of financial assistance given by the IMF over the past year has prompted concerns about what would happen if the so-called

asking no questions about sup-plier relationships.

major supermarkets are making excessive profits. The key charge levelled

against the supermarket ma-jors - Tesco, Sainsbury, Asda and Safeway - is that they are profiteering by using their market power to drive down the costs paid to suppliers, but failing to pass on those benefits to consumers in the form of lower prices.

Associate City Editor

However, the top supermarkets say that although the OFT is demanding huge quantities of information, they are

The supermarkets were surprised by the omission as it was a report by the Welsh Affairs Committee into the crisis in Welsh farming that trig-gered the OFT's investiga-

That report concluded that prices charged on the supermarkets' shelves for beef and lamb bore no relation to the prices paid to farmers.

"They are asking for mountains of data, as you would expect. But most of it is accounting information; there is nothing on supplier rela-

tionships," said one supermarket

The other key concern is the new economic model being used by the OFT to determine excess profitability. The model was devised by Martin Gra-ham, chief financial analyst at the OFT, and Anthony Steele of the University of Warwick. It

OFT research paper. Critics say that though the model looks fine in theory, it is impossible to see how it will work in practice. One supermarket director described it as "severely econometric" - mean-

was published last year in an

permarkets to criticise the OFT is surprising as they risk a backlash from regulatory

authorities. But, in this case, the OFT itself has taken the unusual step of commenting on an investigation in progress. One of its officials has said that the inquiry will determine whether the competition between the supermarkets is "red in tooth

and claw". One supermarket said the OFT might be "playing to the gallery" following a number of reports suggesting that British consumers pay far higher people in France and Ger-

The OFT has yet to issue the supermarkets with its formal questionnaire but has said it will report its findings by December. It last investigated the supermarkets in the early 1980s but found no case tu an-

In July John Bridgeman. director general of fair trading. said that although he had no specific evidence tu reverse his previously held conclusion that consumers are not being disadvantaged, the time was right for a detailed study.

IMF pleads for cash to avert crises

SOME OF Britain's leading su- By NIGEL COPE

permarkets have launched a

scathing attack on the way

the Office of Fair Trading's in-

quiry into their profits and

They said the inquiry, which

was launched at the end of July,

has been muddled, slow, and

is using a new economic model

One of the major super-markets said: "The OFT is

trying to get to grips with a new

method of calculating prof-

itability. But even they do not

quiry to establish whether the

The OFT launched the in-

seem to fully understand it."

that appears unworkable.

prices is being conducted.

tary Fund launched an urgent plea for fresh funding yesterday,

The IMF has just \$10bn to

The official said the "general feeling" was that the proposed increase would come through. But he added that if the additional contribution failed to materialise, the IMF would have to explore other options, such as entering into bilateral borrowing arrangements with individual governments as it did in the late-1970s and

BY LEA PATERSON

run out of cash itself. An IMF official said the Fund will have about \$25bn of uncommitted resources, after the assistance given to Russia. However, the IMF would be unwilling to lend all of this, as it needs some cash to pay back creditors who decide to withdraw their denosits.

The Fund's liquidity ratio is an estimated 29 per cent, mean-Speaking at the launch of the ing that the financial difficulties IMF's 1998 annual report, an of- are on a par, if not worse, than enced in the late 1970s.

In its annual report, the IMF called the Asian crisis "one of the worst in the post-war period". Officials said they expected some trimming of the Fund's global growth predictions in its World Economic Outlook (WEO), due for release at the end of the month, but declined to provide details.

The IMF blamed the Asian crisis on a combination of elements, including a build-up of inflationary pressures, inappropriate exchange rate policies, unhedged external borrowing, lax enforcement of rules and weak supervision.

External factors were also to blame. The IMF said: "Foreign investors under-estimated the risk associated with their search for high yields, and contagion effects of the crisis led to an excessive devaluation of the affected currencies."

At the report launch, an official played down the problem of the so-called "moral hazard" - that is, where a country does not do all it can to solve crises because it knows the IMF will step into help. The issue has concerned members of the US House of Representatives.

But the official said: "We understand the concerns. But from a government's point of view it is not going to adopt poli-"lender of last resort" were to economic health."



TV stars Ulrika Jonsson and Bob Monkhouse throw the switch as British Gas enters the domestic electricity market with a pledge to undercut prices of all local electricity suppliers until 2001.

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Alvis set for GKN merger

fence and industrial services group, is close to merging its Warrior armoured vehicles division with Alvis in a deal that will kickstart the longawaited rationalisation of the UK's fighting vehicles in-

An announcement about the £300m alliance is expected within the next fortnight and could be the precursor to a wider restructuring of the European defence industry.

dustry.

Sources close to the discussions said that GKN and Alvis were still negotiating each company's share in the

GKN, THE AUTOMOTIVE, de- BY MICHAEL HARRISON

gestions that the new grouping would be floated separately on the London stock market.

manufactured by a 550strong workforce at Telford.

It almost doubled in size last year with its £84m takeover of Swedish armoured vehicle manufacturer Hagglunds.

GKN is best known for its Warrior and Piranha armoured vehicles, which are

Alvis makes the Scorpion and Stormer tracked vehicles at its Coventry plant, which employs 350.

An alliance between Alvis and GKN would bring Alvis manufacturers in Europe.

into the £3bn programme to build a "battlefield taxi", which GKN won last year as part of the Eurokonsortinm. GKN, Giat of France and

the ARGE grouping of Germany each have a one-third share in the consortium. which has been selected to build 6,000 to 7,000 multi-role armoured vehicles for the British, French and German armies.

Alvis was a member of the

losing consortium led by Vickers, the manufacturer of the Challenger 2 tank. At the time the contest

was settled it was predicted that it would lead to a consolidation of fighting vehicle

The alliance between GKN and Alvis threatens to leave Vickers further out in the cold although there is still a possibility that some three-way tie-up could be constructed. Vickers will annouoce

about 400 jobs losses in its tanks division on Thursday. The company employs 1,400 at two factories in Newcastle and Leeds. Production of the Chal-

lenger 2 for the British Army will end early next century but Vickers is hoping to wio a £1bn contract from Greece for np to 300

It is also chasing a small-

Banks and building societies face new guidelines to improve consumer protection

Clampdown on hidden Banks agree code to stop rate 'shrinking' costs in mortgages

MORTGAGE LENDERS are By Andrew Verity poised to announce a clampdown on the controversial practice of offering glittering upfront mortgage deals which gloss over the sting of

redemption penalties. The Council of Mortgage Lenders, which represents all mortgage lenders, including banks, is preparing a big rate deals, also carry heavy change to the Code of Mortgage Lending in an attempt to tighten rules to prevent cus-, that lender even when the rate tomers being hoodwinked.

angry debate over the practice of offering very low interest rates in order to tempt cus- of Britannia Building Society, tomers into buying fixed and discounted mortgages.

they lure borrowers with a very low rate. But there is mounting concern that they fail to explain the sting in the tail: The borrower is bound in to a much less beneficial rate a few years later.

The "bargain" rates, especially on some five-year fixedredemption penalties which force the customer to stick with is no longer fixed. The The clampdown follows an redemption penalties often amount to thousands of pounds.

John Heaps, chief executive

said: "We are looking at rules

about how clear lenders make

the point that there is a trade-

off. It's not clear that [borrowers] always understand that." Lenders are required to publish details of redemption penalties in the small print of

mortgage contracts, but there is no explicit rule ensuring borrowers understand the link. Earlier this year, the Building Societies Association began pressing for redemption penalties to be abolished altogether if they extended beyond the

period when a mortgage rate is fixed. Lenders backed away after mortgage brokers claimed scrapping the penalties would reduce customer choice. The code will require lenders to ensure that customers understand the as I per cent on accounts they

will today unveil a tough new set of guidelines aimed at ending unfair practices that have left customers thousands of pounds out of pocket. The new Code of Practice

published by the British Bankers' Association (BBA) follows criticism from MPs that some banks had deceived current and savings' account holders by changing interest rates without their knowledge. The Treasury launched an

deemed "obsolete".

investigation earlier this year into claims by the Commons **Public Accounts Committee** that banks had been offering some customers rates as low

BRITAIN'S LEADING banks By Paul Waugh Political Correspondent

> The Treasury wanted an end to "shrinking" - the practice where high-interest accounts were launched only to have their rates down-graded or terms changed some months later.

Treasury Minister Helen Liddell ordered an inquiry into the MPs' claims, and threatened that such practices would be made illegal under the forthcoming Financial Services Bill, unless banks sorted out their affairs voluntarily.

Today's BBA Code of Practice promises to offer "fair and reasonable" rates to those whose accounts have been declared obsolete through low

It also makes clear that no bank can change the terms and conditions of an account without 30 days written notice and a further 30-day waiver of any penalty charges incurred when accounts are changed. To ensure that customers can compare rival deals fairly, all interest rates have to be cal-

culated in a standard way. David Davis, chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, said: "This is a victory for common sense and for customers. If the banks obey not just the letter but the spirit of the code then they will go a long way to winning back the

Pub chains' rise ends in hangover

A DEEPLY depressed stock market can at least enjoy a little leisure activity this week. Bowling, dancing and drinking are among the trading influences with JD Wetherspoon and Regent Iwas leading the profits parade.

Unfortunately the two pub chains are unlikely to cover themselves in glory. After spectacular progress they are suffering something of a hangover and their shares, particularly Regent, are, like so many others in these downbeat days, as flat as vesterday's pmt.

Wetherspoon's results will reflect a spectacular World Cup own-goal. The chain, leader of the independent pub movement which evolved after the Government's controversial Beer Orders forced the hig hrewers to dump 11,000 pubs, does not allow TV screens in its outlets.

Many drinkers applaud such an approach. But it seems that during the footballing extravaganza Wetherspoon's TV ban backfired as drinkers went to pubs with screens, and profits suffered.

At one time the stock market was looking for profits around £23m. But the owngoal has prompted a series of downgrades and a figure near to £21m is now expected. Last year Wetherspoon's managed

The market is also fretting that the pub bonanza, which had offered glamour share ratings to the leading players, is running out of steam.

The cost of opening trendy, strategically sited outlets has soared and although some new-style pubs are still doing well there are distinct signs that industry growth is slowing. The worsening economic climate, with consumer spending under increasing pressure, is another bearish influence.

ies: Producer prices,

Goodhead Group, European Leisure,

Hays, Polypipe, Regent Inns, Wainhomes, Whittard of Chelsea

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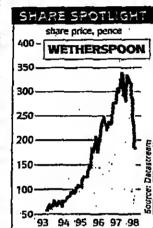


DEREK PAIN

Wetherspoon's shares are not far from their year's low, ending last week at 177.5p. were above 340p in

Regent is altogether a much sadder case. In June it devastated its followers - and provided a nasty jolt for the other high-flying pub chains - when it rolled out a profits warning. The shares went into free fall. From a 388.5p peak shortly before the announcement they plunged, getting to 135p before vague takeover hopes belped sentiment - rival SFI has built a

3 per cent stake. At one time there were suggestions the chain would achieve profits near to £16m.



Now the chastened group is expected to roll out £13m. although some analysts are even more pessimistic with Henry Cooke Lumsden on £11.5m. Last year it made £12.6m.

European Leisure, the sports bars and discotheques group once a candidate for the corporate graveyard, is likely to record lower profits, largely because of the sale of its Maygay gaming husiness business. About £5m is the market estimate, against

Allied Leisure, the bowling alley group which has hitched a lift on the Burger King fast food bandwagon, is another which has recovered from a disastrous spell. It should be in line for profits around £4.3m, against £2.3m. Last week Allied increased

its Burger King involvement, paying £2.35m for seven outlets. It now has 34. More than 45 per cent of turnover now comes from fast food and the percentage will almost certainly increase as the company plans another 25 restaurants in the next five

Thomson Travel, the bolidays group which came to market in a highly popular springtime flotation, checks in with maiden interims; about £5m is expected. The shares have fallen from their issue price and particular attention will be paid to the group's trading update. Jason Holden, at the investment house BTAlexBrown, is looking for year's figures of £124.2m.

Capital Corporation, the casino company, and Hanover International, the hotel chain, are among other leisure companies reporting. offering interim figures.

Big guns on this week's profits schedule include British Aerospace, Kingfisher, Next, RMC and Bine Circle Industries.

could fly in with £330m against £260m. The group's cash flow could be influenced by the low oil price but it is not

so sensitive as other engineers to the economic turmoil. It also has the comfort of British Airways' decision to alight upon Airbus Industrie, where BAe has a 20 per cent involvement, for much of its fleet renewal.

BC1's interim results should emerge at £130m against £142.6m, and RMC is likely to offer little-changed half-time figures of £115m.

Next, the fashion chain, will display the well signalled scars of buying mistakes. Profits for the half year could be 27 per cent lower at £49m. ending an impressive record of progress under chief executive David Jones. Richards John

BTAlexBrown, says: "Deflation, the weather, uninspiring 'play safe' merchandising decisions in the context of an overcrowded retail market spells trouble. Any mistake is punished severely and the Next half year results are likely to illustrate this vividly." At 426p the shares bave nearly halved.

Kingfisher, however, is on something of a roll and is likely to shrug off the high street recession which has trapped so many retailers. Interim figures near to £175m against £150.1m are expected.

Wm Morrison, the supermarket chain, is thought to be set for half-year figures of around £68m (£61.7m) and Britannic Assurance should manage six-month operating profits a shade higher at £72m. The builders' profits sea-

son continues with Redrow (£48m against £36.1m) and Wainhomes (£11.7m compared with £6.7m) offering year's results. Bovis is due to check in with interim figures, say, £16m, a £2m increase.

Finals: Leeds Sporting

IN BRIEF

Absenteeism costs £11bn a year

ABSENCE FROM work is now

costing British industry £11bn a year or nearly £500 for each employee, according to analysis by the Confederation of British Industry published today. Each employee now takes 8.4 days a year on top of holiday entitlements which is the equivalent of 3.7 per cent of their working time. The gap between absence in the public and private sectors has fallen since 1996 when it averaged 2.9 days a year. But public sector employees still take off an extra 1.9 days.

Swisscom float

SHARES IN the state-owned Swiss telecoms company Swisscom are to be priced in a range of 330 to 410 Swiss francs when the company is floated in October, the Swiss government announced.

Based on the indicated range, the issue would be valued at between SFr7.28bn (£3.2bn) and Sfr9.05bn, making it the largest initial public offering in Switzerland ever, and the largest in Europe this year. The offering is to go ahead as planned despite recent upsets on world equity markets.

£15bn bug cost

BRITAIN'S TOP companies still need to spend an estimated £15bn to tackle the threat posed by the millennium bug, according to a study published today. An analysis of companies in the FTSE 100 shows that a significant number have yet to register any cost for tackling the computer timebomb, said OSI, the management support

Revenue attacked

ONE OF Britain's top tax advisers hit out at the Inland Revenue yesterday, claiming that it was using "psychological warfare" against the profession. The accusation came from Keith Daniels, president of the Chartered Institute of Taxation, who told a weekend conference that the industry

was now in a "new aggressive era". As an example he cited the Revenue's refusal to take on board representations from the Institute on the planned general antiavoidance tax rule.

Tourist record

A RECORD 28 million tourists visited London last year - 10 per cent up on the figure for 1996 - according to figures out today. The London Tourist Board predicts that the figure will rise to 29 million this year and 31 million in the millennium vear.

The case of the Carll

pickled sheep

MARK SRIDGER, the man who four years ago poured black ink into the tank of a sheep pickled in formaldehyde, the work of the artist Damien Hirst, is now suing Mr Hirst over copyright of the resultant "Black Sheep".

Mr Bridger personally issued a writ against Mr Hirst last Wednesday in the High Court in London, without the aid of a firm of solicitors.

The writ also named as codefendants Booth & Clibborn Editions, who in September 1997 published a book by Mr Hirst titled I want to spend the rest of my life everywhere, with everyone, one-to-one.

always, forever, now. In his writ Mr Bridger claims that on page 295 of the large hardback book "is a photograph of a dead sheep/ lamb preserved in a glass tank, in formaldehyde solution. By means of pulling a card the effect of pouring some hlack liquid into the tank is illustrated. The blackness fills up the tank and totally obscures the sheep."

Mr Bridger's writ goes on: "This specific action was performed by myself, giving a title to the resultant object, ie 'Black Sheep', on 9 May 1994.
1 claim copyright on the image
of the effect of this action as is shown in the book."

The writ acknowledges that the sheep-in-the-tank was housed in an exhibition in the Serpentine Gallery in London, and did not belong to Mr Bridger, but was produced by Mr Hirst.

He continues: "I do not believe Damien Hirst can claim copyright for the sheep-inthe-tank or the image of it (which may or may not preclude my claim for copyright on my action and the illustration of it) because his object is only the practical presentation of a natural form and such presentations are not original to

The writ goes on: "Due to not having used my own materials for this action I was. charged and found guilty of causing criminal damage and on 18 August 1994 given a twoyear conditional discharge with no fine or compensation to pay, so my conviction was spent in August 1996".

Bridger, his permission is necthe illustration. He says he wrote to Mr Hirst via his agents, the White Cube Gallery in London, and also to Booth & Clibborn, listing his objections. "I received no

response." The writ concludes: "And SUING WHOM

JOHN WILLCOCK



the Plaintiff's claim is for damages. Claim limited to fifty thousand pounds."

MOHAMED AL FAYED, the owner of Harrods, is suing a former member of his personal staff, Rueben Murrell, along with the editor of the Sun newspaper, David Yelland, over information Mr Murrell is said to have gained whilst working for Mr Fayed.

The writ issued by Mr Fayed's lawyers DJ Freeman last week also names as co-defendants News Group Newspapers, which publishes the the Sun and the News of the World, and the parent company News International Newspapers.

The Harrods boss is seeking injunctions against Mr Murrell, Mr Yelland and the newspaper publisher. The writ was also issued on behalf of Hyde Park Residence Limited. a company owned by Mr Faved.

The company is seeking damages against Mr Murrell for breach of an employment contract dated 4 February. 1996 which included a confidentiality clause.

Hyde Park Residence is also seeking damages against Mr Yelland, News Group and News International, "for procuring or inducing [Mr Murrell) to commit such breaches of the employment contract and/or confidentiality agreement".

The writ seeks an injunction Despite the blackness being to restrain all the defendants the result of a crime, says Mr from infringing Hyde Park's copyright in "closed circuit essary for the publication of television video tape recordings of the Villa Windsor or any other premises under surveillance by [Hyde Park] on behalf of [Mr Al-Fayed] and his family' The London solicitors

Farrer & Co are representing all the defendants. The law

Opportunities

firm informed the High Court last Monday that all the defendants were contesting Mr Faved's action.

A RECORD COMPANY which represents one of rock music's greatest drummers is suing the lead guitarist of the rock group Queen over the copy... right of a number of tracks.

A writ was issued last week by Mystery Music, which is owned by Brenda Brooker. Ms Brooker was, "until his death in March 1998, exchisively entitled to the product of the services as a recording artist of the well known drummer, Cozy Powell, pursuant to a written agreement dated

1 July 1991." Ms Brooker is suing Brian May, "who has performed both on his own and as guitarist and vocalist with the group of popular musicians known as 'Queen'.'

Her writ also names as codefendants Mr May's recording company, Duck Productions, and EMI Elec-Duck trole, a record company based in Germany.

The writ concerns two "musical works" Mr Powell recorded in the autumn of 1991 for inclusion within his. forthcoming alhum release, to be entitled The Drums Are

The two tracks concerned were "Ride To Win" and "Somewhere In Time". The former was "an original arrangement of a musical work entitled 'Ride By Night' which had been composed by one Jamie Page in 1989", the writ adds.

Mr Powell and Ms Brooker then made various agreements with Mr May over the use of the tracks on his own album Back To The Light, in return for a percentage of the takings.

The writ alleges there was a further agreement that "Ride To Win", which was renamed "Till The Morning Comes" and finally "Resurrection", would be released as a single at the same time as Mr Powell's own album, The Drums Are Back.

Extracts from "Resurrection" were subsequently included within a computer game known as "Rise Of The Robots" produced by Mirage Technolo gies (Multimedia) Ltd.

In the event, the writ claims, all these agreements fell through, so that Ms Brooker "suffered, and continues to suffer, loss and damage".

The writ seeks an injunction to stop any further breaches of Mr Powell's copyright and damages "not to exceed £50,000".

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Central banks can stave off recession

THE INTERPLAY between financial markets, real economies and government policy is always a delicate matter, but it has rarely been more important than it is today. Financial market shocks are threatening to cause a world recession - a recession which would be entirely unnecessary, and which can still be prevented by a timely intervention from the central banks.

THE INDEPENDENT

When attempting to understand the behaviour of asset prices, such as stockmarkets, the standard practice is to start by forecasting economic variables - GDP growth, inflation, interest rates and the like - and then use this economic backdrop to estimate the "appropriate" level of asset prices. In other words, this procedure implicitly assumes that the direction of causation runs mainly from the economy to asset prices, rather

than the reverse. At present, however, it is not clear that this procedure is valid. In many economies as far removed as South East Asia and the United States, the asset market "tail" has been wagging the economic "dog". Large movements in currencies, bonds and stockmarkets have occurred without an obvious trigger from economic "fundamentals". and these changes in asset prices



GAVYN **DAVIES**

If this episode turns into a recession, then it will be a needless recession without cause

have then altered the economic fundamentals themselves. For examhas clearly boosted economic growth in the developed economies. notably in the United States. If the recent financial turmoil continues, it could equally puncture the health of the US economy.

This is far from being a new phenomenon. It is well known that virtually all asset prices, whether in foreign exchange markets or stockmarkets, are subject to large vari-

fudge factor, which incorporates market shocks. anything which might explain a change in the degree of risk aversion by investors.

stocks relative to bonds, for example, implies that investors now require a higher expected return on stocks in order to compensate them for running the additional risk inherent in equity investments. An increase in the risk premium inevitably involves a fall in share prices, since this is the only way that the expected future return can be immediately increased.

What does all this have to do with the current plight of the world economy? It is in fact crucial, since wild variations in asset prices are being driven by onpredictable fluctuations in risk premia, and this in ple, the rise in world stockmarkets turn is dominating economic be-

> If we accept this line of argument, it suggests that there might be more than one "equilibrium" into which the world economy could settie in the next 18 months. A happy equilibrium could exist in which eqnity risk premia remain under control, asset prices therefore stay tolerably high, and the growth of western economies remains ac-

ations when "risk premia" change. ceptable, with strong domestic de- Russia), so the last resort options however, is that the rise in risk pre- what loosely linked to economic The risk premium is essentially a mand offsetting further emerging of debt default and hyper-inflation mia in emerging economies has for

On the other hand, a much less happy equilibrium could also be reached, in which a rise in equity A rise in the risk premium on risk premia punctures world asset prices and leads to recession. The ultimate implication, of course, is that changes in equity risk premia and therefore in share prices could prove self-justifying, in the sense that they could produce an economic out-turn that subsequently validates the level of share prices.

The experience of the past 12 months amply illustrates how financial market risk premia can determine the behaviour of the world economy. The sudden turnsround in capital flows in Asia led to devastating recessions in the crisis economies of Thailand, Indonesia and Korea. These countries simply ran out of foreign exchange, and had to make emergency adjustments in their trade deficits.

The example of Asian melt-down then had contagion effects on other emerging markets, with global investors requiring much higher risk premia than before for accepting the risk of holding emerging assets. The consequent increase in the cost forded by many governments (e.g. America. What is really different,

came onto the agenda.

Crucially this havoe in emerging countries at first had little effect on the US and the European Union. While investors lost their appetite for risk in the new economies, they actually increased their risk appetite in the old world. Markets became very confident that inflation had disappeared as a problem on a global basis. Long term bond yields therefore fell sharply. This in itself boosted world equity prices but, more important, the equity risk premium relative to bonds also dropped, reflecting the fact that recession risks were thought to be low

flationary pressure. With Western bond and equity markets rising rapidly domestic demand in America and Europe remained strong enough for the economies to shrug-off the direct trade effects of the first Asian

All this has changed dramatically for the worse in the last few weeks. Events in Russia and Malaysia have served to increase emerging market risk premia still further, and this is now threatening to trigger a of capital simply could not be af- major financial calamity in Latin

the first time started to leak into Western financial markets. The precipitous decline in US and European share prices will damage economic confidence, and this could eliminate the previous im-

world. All this is very odd, since the present environment in the world economy is not one in which equity risk premia normally rise.

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ther trade shocks from the new

According to recent work by Neil Williams of Goldman Sachs, global equity risk premia are generally linked to three important variin the absence of any obvious inables - inflation, real bond yields and the excess of world output over its long-term trend - and all of these variables are currently suggesting that equity risk premia should stay benign.

In a outshell, with recession risks still very low, there should be no need for a world recession in order to control inflation. Knowing this, equity investors should be willing to accept more risk than normal

But the problem is that equity risk premia are mercurial beasts. whose behaviour is not well understood. Although they are somevariables, they also have a life of their own, and can change by large quantities for long periods without much obvious cause. In other words, they can be driven by the vagaries and whims of financial market confidence.

It is not wise for policy makers to assume that these factors will always be well behaved. A new situation is arising, in which financial confidence could break, not because of the threat of inflation (which is the usual cause) hut because large parts of the world are incapable of generating sufficient growth in demand, given previous

financial market shocks. If this episode turns into a world recession, then it will be a needless recession - a recession without an inflationary cause, and without even the consolation that it brings a cure for inflation. Instead, it might bring deflation.

There have recently been several examples of countries - Japan, Thailand, Korea etc - which have fallen into deep recessions solely because of swings in financial confidence and asset prices. The longer that the central banks of Europe and the US sit on their hands, the greater the chances that the rest of the world will follow suit.

Homes plug in for power competition

News Analysis: Domestic electricity consumers will be able to shop around for a supplier from today

FROM TODAY you can if you BY MICHAEL HARRISON live in Norwich but not if you live in Northampton, You can also do it in Chester but not in Chesterfield, and in Motherwell but not in Manchester. In Hull they will say yes but in Hartlewhile longer, remains no.

This morning, Britain's domestic electricity market opens up to competition with 750,000 households in four regions of the country free to switch supplier for the first time.

It will he a slow start with only 10,000 customers expected to desert their local supplier, tempted by price reductions averaging 10 per cent.

But by Christmas, competition will be established in every area of the country and by next June the process will be complete. All of Britain's 26 million domestic and small husiness electricity consumers will be able to shop around for a supplier of their choice.

It has been an exercise of unparalleled size, complexity and cost, dwarfing even the logistical nightmare of liberalising the gas market. The 12 regional electricity companies in England and Wales, the two Scottish suppliers and the Electricity Pool have spent well over £1bn preparing for

Even with eight years' notice of the impending liberalisation, the industry still contrived to miss its original deadline hy six months and as a result has incurred fines of

The great unknown is whether it has been worth the wait. There are three questionmarks hanging over the exer-

First, will the computer systems stand the strain? Second, will the industry avoid the marketing chaos that followed the opening of the gas market? And third, and most cru-

cially, will it prove a damp squih? Will customers embrace the new era of competition with gusto or will they vote with heir feet and stay with the supblier they know, if not love, through the sheer power of

The energy minister John Battle, the electricity regulator Professor Stephen Littlechild, and the industry itself are as confident as they can be that the transition to a competitive market will go smoothly. It is one reason why the start date

was put back six months while armies of software consultants crawled over the computer systems in supply companies the length and breadth of the pool the answer, for a little country, checking, testing and retesting.

John Roberts, President of the Electricity Association and chief executive of SWALEC, says that one important measure of the programme's success will be to demonstrate that it actually works.

We have tested exhaustively and, though it would be wrong to say there won't be any mistakes, human nature being what it is, those mistakes will be kept to the absolute minimum and rectified as quickly as possible," he said.

Others within the industry are not so sanguine. One electricity executive said: "We have calculated that to change a customer from one supplier to another requires seventeen separate administrative tasks. That leaves vast scope for cock-ups along the way."

The early days of gas liberalisation saw householders plagued either with the wrong bills, or legions of doorstep salesmen preying on vulnerable customers such as the elderly. The electricity suppliers, many of whom were involved in that debacle, believe they have learnt from bitter experience. The Association of Energy

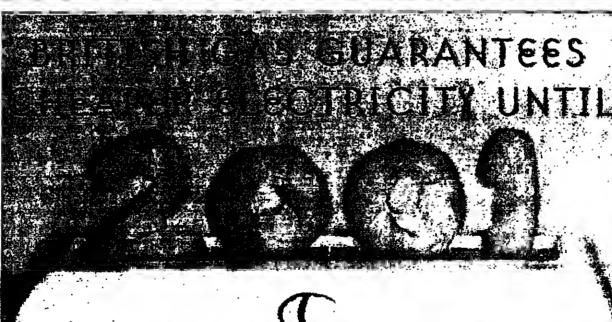
Suppliers, a body to which all the leading electricity and gas firms belong, has drawn up a code of practice on marketing. Derek Baggs, the adminis-

trator of the code, says: "Some regrettable instances of bad practice by some doorstep salespersons have drawn the attention of the media, but in a market now covering 19 million gas customers there have in fact been fewer than 2,000 complaints about marketing

The code bars suppliers from calling late at night or early in the morning, trying to sell to anyone under-age and persisting when it is plain the householder is not interested. It also requires doorstep sellers to provide proper like-forlike comparisons of how their prices compare with those of

the existing supplier. A number of companies, such as Midlands Electricity, have got rid of outside contractors and now employ their





doorstep sales teams direct. Roger Murray, Midlands' managing director of energy services, says that over the next six months it is trebling the size of its doorstep selling team to 600 - of whom 400 will be dedicated to defending its local franchise and 200 to capturing new customers from

Mr Murray says Midlands' worst case scenario would be a net loss of 10 per cent of its customer base over five years. But he adds: "We would be mortified if the loss was any-

where near that figure." Whether competition works and how many customers switch will depend, crucially, on how far bills fall. Margins are low in electricity supply and swapping suppliers is expected to yield savings of about 10 per cent on the average domestic bill of £254 a year.

per cent of households will change supplier compared with a figure of 27 per cent in the gas market.

"Competition between the suppliers won't be anything other than real but the numbers switching will be lower be-cause of inertia and the level of savings available," he says. This is a view disputed by

Centrica, which trades as British Gas and is one of only two non-electricity companies to have applied for a supply licence. Centrica has already signed up 440,000 customers, has expressions of interest from a fur-

ther 1.5 million and has set its sights on capturing 15-20 per cent of the market, which would give it well over four million new customers. "If 30 per cent of gas customers have switched, then

why shouldn't the same apply with electricity?" asks Centri-Based on this, Swalec's Mr ca's chief executive Roy Roberts believes that about 10 Gardner.

Electricity executives say this will not happen because the savings will be much lower. Mr Gardner disputes this arguing that the savings will be virtually identical, making Cen-

trica's "dual fuel" offer every bit

as attractive as those of the electricity companies. As ever, there is a lot of hype and propaganda surrounding the exercise. Although Centrica has signed 440,000 customers, only 15,000-20,000 will

switch on day one. Likewise Eastern, one of the regions in the first wave of liberalisation, has signed 200,000 customers outside its area. But only a fraction of those will go live today since only three other areas of the country - Manweb, Yorkshire and Scottish Power - are now

John Geoghegan, director of utilities at the consultancy and IT services group Cap Gemini, is sceptical about the whole ex-

open to limited competition.

ercise arguing that the indus-try's outdated cost structure will weaken competition, keeping prices artificially high and

service levels low. He says it costs £40 to acquire each new customer hut since they yield a net profit of only £3-£5 a year it could take 13 years to achieve a payback. What is needed is a reduction in energy costs via a more competitive generation market, further consolidation of the supply industry to reduce overheads and marketing costs and a streamlining of customer

Many in the industry would say amen to all that and indeed the Government and regulators are making moves in those directions

service costs.

But whether they will come rapidly enough to justify all the expense and angst that has gone into delivering competition in electricity is anyone's

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Duel of the fuels: Midlands Electricity (top left) and British Gas are among the suppliers vying for a bigger share of the domestic electricity market with discounts on bills

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US Open tennis: Injury denies Californian's attempt to match Grand Slam record as Rafter proceeds to final

*Muscle strain sends Sampras limping home

IT WAS a painful way to ensure that a major championship, making it an Australian would win the United States Open men's singles title, keeping a compatriot's record intact and guaranteeing that the season would end with eight different Grand Slam champions.

Injury handicapped Pete Sampras from the third set of his semi-final against Pat Rafter, the defending champion, on Saturday night, the Queenslander going on to win, 6-7. 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, to keep an appointing with Melbourne's Mark Philippoussis in the final.

It is not the first time Sampras's legant style has been cramped in

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even more remarkable that he has won 11 Grand Slams. Unlike Mark McGwire, baseball's Mister 62, Sam-(Roy Emerson's 12 Grand Slams), pras was unable to deliver a magical number for the tennis public. He will try to equal Emerson's record at the Australian Open next January, which would lead to a tantalising challenge for No 13 at the French

Open or Wimbledon This time a strained muscle high in left thigh reduced Sampras to a limping victim of Rafter's exciting attacking style. Spectators may have wondered if the Californian had retired when he left the court when leading, 5-2, in the third set. It tran-

spired that the position of the injury basically pulled my quad," Samputting so much emphasis on these meant that he would have to remove pras said. "It shocked me a little bit, major championships, I felt like I had his shorts for treatment. The referee's room provided refuge.

Sampras returned to secure a two sets to one lead, but it was soon evident that his tournament was as good as finished. "The adrenatine was the only thing that kept me going." Sampras said. "It was just

Having edged the first set tiebreak, 10-8, Sampras was unable to fend Rafter off in the second set, after which the match seemed to be boiling nicely. Then it happened. "He hit a backhand volley at 4-2 in the

and then I wasn't sure I was going to be able to continue to play," the Wimbledon champion added. "Anytime I put any mount of serious weight on my left side, it was giving me problems. Things were going pretty well till that point. Patrick played well. I played a solid match.

But then I was struggling out there." Although Sampras keeps his place as the world No 1, his reign is under threat again as he wonders if he will be fit to beat off his rivals as he tries to end the season as the top

man for a sixth consecutive year.

major championships, I felt like I had a good opportunity to win here," he said. "Anytime you win Wimbledon, which in my mind is the biggest one we have, you can't complain about the year. But it's disappointing to lose here. When you lose Slams, you always have something to look forward to, but the US Open is the last one of the year. Now I've got to find some sort of motivation to go over to Europe (for the indoor season) and deal with that situation."

"To me, it's one of those hard luck stories for Pete." Rafter said. "But I'm very happy to take a win against SAMPRAS'S PHYSICAL PROBLEMS

1992 United States Open: defeats Jim Couries in the semi-finals. and comes down with diarrhoea after the match. Loses to Stefan Edberg in the final.

1994 US Open: loses to Jaime Yzaga in the fourth round, cramping

1994 Lipton Championships: food poisoning before the final against Andre Agassi. Agassi agrees to allow him an hour and half of extra time to take intravenous fluids, and Sampras wins.

1995 Davis Cup Final in Moscows collapses with cramp, but recovers to win in five sets against Andrei Chesnokov

1996 US Open: Dehydrated, vomits on court during a fifth set te-break against Alex Corretja in the quarter-finals. Goes on to win the

1997 Davis Cup in Gothenburg: pulls a calf muscle and retires against Magnus Larsson, Sweden

1998 US Open: strains thigh muscle during the third set of the semi-final against Pat Rafter, Los-

Davenport is a big success in every sense

ANOTHER AMERICAN president was reduced to tears. Harry Marmion, of the United States Tenfore losing her serve joy as he presented the women's singles trophy to California's Lindsay

> Chris Evert in 1982. Davenport, nearly 6ft 3in, was a set. huge success in every sense. She did not drop a set in winning her first Grand Slam singles title, overpowering Martina Hingis, the defending champion and world No1, in Satur-

day's final, 6-3, 7-5. victory on the tennis court. The 22year-old from Newport Beach had to hand winner. contend with the break up of her parents' marriage while working hard to improve her physique and overcome self-consciousness about her

Davenport remembers, for exfour years ago. "I was a very big girl, so I was terrified of losing badly or of doing something dumb," she says. "I was afraid of being laughed at." She was also acutely aware that the "pretty little things" were attracting

most of the media attention. Whenever Davenport advanced to the later stages of major championships, "lacks mobility" seemed a sensitive way to dismiss her chances. That was not the case here, when she was rewarded for a work ethic and diet which has sharpened her game and shed 30 pounds in the process.

Hingis, 17, who won three of the four Grand Slam titles last year, including Wimbledon, has seen all but the Australian championship disappear. She consoled herself with thoughts of her quarter-final win against Monica Seles ("I realised I could play tennis again") and the comeback from 1-4 in the final set of her semi-final against a wavering Jana Novotna ("I have my willpower back")

But the overall impression is that the Swiss has lost the edge of fitness which enabled her to dominate opponents young and old. The contrast between Saturday'a finalists was not only a question of height and power. Davenport often forced Hingis to move desperately rather than strategically.

The American broke twice before losing her own serve at 5-2 in the opening set, driving the ball deep to unsettle Hingis again in the next

Davenport held a point for 5-2 be- on her way to defeat

nis Association, could not contain his fore losing her serve in the second set. Hingis broke again to lead 5-4, finding a line with a forehand, and Davemport, the first home-grown US the match seemed destined to go the Open women's champion since distance until the Swiss doublefaulted at 0-40 when serving for the

Hingis, her title slipping away, tried to sap Davenport's confidence with a drop shot on match point. It was the last throw, and not a particularly good one. In the past, Davenport might have had dif-The triumph goes deeper than ficulty getting to the ball. This time she pounced to deliver a back-

During the Lipton Championships in March, somebody in the locker room made the point that no woman since Virginia Ruzici in 1978 had won a first Grand Slam title after the age of 21. While it gave Davenample, playing the athletic Steffi Graf port pause for thought, she had already taken steps to ensure that she

A disconsolate Martina Hingis

would not be left behind. "I think I've proved everybody wrong by improving a lot in the last couple of years," Davenport said. "People didn't give me a shot a couple of years ago to win a Grand Slam."

She found that irritating, particularly as she had returned from the Atlanta Olympic Games with the singles gold medal. "It was maybe overlooked a lot," she said. "That's fine with me. Pm just as proud of that as winning here, maybe more proud. It's a tremendous accomplishment. Unfortunately, people in tennis don't recognise it."

mically as well as on the termis court, graduating from high school in 1994. Both my parents were instrumental in making sure I stayed normal," she said. "I also think having two older sisters helps. I loved school."

Although prompted by her coach, Robert Vant hof, to work on her fitness, Davenport emphasised that. "it was really important to do it for myself". She added: "When I got older I wanted to do it, that was the difference. I don't think I could have handled someone else telling me I needed to do it. When I was 18, if someone had told me I should go and run two hours a day, I would have said, 'Yeah, right' [and carried on the same as I was]."

Losing weight and looking better has given her more confidence, "even though the battle is going on". She now enjoys the fitness campaign. "It's just a lot of sprints on the court and going to the weight room three or four times a week. Most of the attention has been focused on sprints, nothing like long distance running, just stuff to try and get me faster and playing a lot.

Robert has been with me every step of the way. In the beginning I used to complain a lot. Now I love to do it. It's a change of attitude that's

Asked if winning a Grand Slam made her feel like a complete person, Davenport, replied: "Not really I always said that if I never won one I'd still like myself and still keep on playing tennis. For me, it's important to enjoy everything. To do the best you can and try and win tournaments. But if I don't, life's not going to end."

As the streamlined Davenport. proudly paraded the trophy, she would probably have taken it as a compliment to he told that she was only half the player she used



Lindsay Davenport celebrates the first US Open singles victory by a home-grown girl since Chris Evert in 1982

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2 The Official NFL 1998 Record and Fact Book (Workman, paperback, £14.99) 3 Bohby Robson: My Antobiography - An Englishman Abroad

Bobby Robson (Macmillan, hardback, £16.99) 4 Anything But... An Autobiography Richie Benaud (Hodder & Stoughton, hardback, £17.99) 5 The Paddy And The Prince: The Making of Naseem Hamed

Nick Pitt (Yellow Jersey, hardback, £16) 6 Inside The All Blacks Robin McConnell (Harper Collins NZ, hard-7 Rothmans Football Yearbook 1988-99 Edited by Glenda Rollin

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Stiff upper lip of a man ahead of his time

Winning Isn't Everything: A Biography of Sir Alf Ramsey (Victor Gollancz; £16.99) By Dave Bowler

THOSE WERE the days. If you liked your England managers to be the buttoned-up, silent type, those were definitely the days.

You would no more expect Sir h'Alf to go public on how Jimmy Greaves reacted to being dropped from the World Cup than you would expect him to drop an aitch in the right place. It was Ramsey's stiff public persona that, in Bowler's view, is largely responsible for his achievements being so badly underestimated in the decades

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since that afternoon at Wembley in 1966.

Part of the problem was the delivery. Although the author is as indulgent of them as he is of Ramsey knocking two years off his age to give himself a better chance of a contract with a Football League club, those elocation lessons were surely as big a mistake as substituting Bobby Chariton in Leon.

The strangulated android voice that left him somewhere between Dagenham and the FA not only

It also meant that communicating outside the tight circle of his England regulars - and sometimes inside it - was an even greater struggle. The description of him trying to tell the squad that they were going to watch a western called

Hong Em High (or 'Ang Hem Igh) is the comic highpoint of the book. Bowler is not blind to Ramsey's flaws, as a man or a manager, but he is an eloquent advocate. He was, after all, a man of his times; the postwar mix of deference and upward mobility - even his xenophobia was far from untypical of men of his gen-

eration and background. The book's argument is that

rendered him a target for ridicule. Ramsey, even in his hour of glory and certainly since, has been unfairly rubbished by a country that refuses to see itself as it is. We won the World Cup through Ramsey's marshalling of the English strengths of his squad, but he stands condemned

for not having won it like Brazilians. Much of the glister of 1966 was dimmed by events in 1970 and thereafter, but Bowler argues against the conventional wisdom that Ramsey became outdated and inflexible. His problem was the one that eventually assails all managers; he didn't have

the players to work with. In many ways, Ramsey was, like Martin Peters, ahead of his time, particularly in the way he sidelined the

FA committeemen, a breed for whom he had even less time than journalists. He would, in fact, fit these pragmatic times more snugly than he did an era when British football still thought it had a divine right to a Matthews and a Finney.

At his most beleaguered - and as a photograph in this absorbing book bears testimony - Ramsey took to recording interviews on a big reelto-reel machine. He should have worried less about holding them to account and should have sued his elocution teacher instead. Maybe then we would have a more rounded view of the most important manager England has produced.

Dave Hadfield

Godolphin's Wave crashes

THE OUTRAGEOUS happens to BY RICHARD EDMONDSON Godolphin because it is excessive by design. No other stable on the planet is wreathed in such talent or expectation, so we cannot treat them by normal specification. The fates clearly Dunlop's Leggera was the have the same attitude.

Following Super Saturday and Group One successes in three countries came stinking Sunday yesterday, when horses in Royal blue ran as if sabotaged in Longchamp's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe trials. It was just as well the Godolphin team were not smug at Town Moor Prix Vermeille, which has been on Saturday after Nedawi had started the steamroller in the St Leger. "It's a great relief when it all goes right," Simon Crisford, the racing manager, said as the results started to pile up. "So often you go into a weekend like this and things go wrong." At least he enjoyed it while it lasted.

Such was the apparent heavenly hias against Godolphin yesterday that it would have been no surprise to see a whiterobed figure throwing thunderbolts at the team from the clouds above the Bois de Boulogne. Bahr was a spluttering failure in the Prix Vermeille, Predappio last in the Prix Foy and, most damaging of all, Sea Wave travelled just a few strides in the Prix Niel before throwing Frankie Dettori. Arc plans, like the jockey himself yesterday, are now up in the air.

Bahr started the ball stop-

peared as if it had been poured out of a gravy jug. She struggled into fifth while compatriots dominated proceedings. John courageous winner, holding on from the fast-finishing Cloud Castle (Clive Brittain), while Zainta, the previously unbeaten favourite, faded into third. The French horse is now likely to forsake the Arc for Newmarket's Champion Stakes.

Indeed, it may be that the fecund territory for previous Arc winners, may not have a rep-

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Sharaf (Musselburgh 4.10) NB: Baisse D'Argent (Musselburgh 2.40)

resentative in three weeks' time at all. "Leggera was well suited by the heavy ground today and she hasn't even been entered for the Arc," Dunlop said. "She would have to have similar ground to have a chance in the race and we can leave it late to supplement her, but it's an expensive procedure and it's unlikely that we'll do it."

The main tremor for Godolphin came in a Prix Niel that was over in an instant for Dettori. Sea Wave swerved straight left as he came out of the stalls. as if in search of the road back ping when she was one of many into town, and left his partner season. At least the chestnut's

breeches and a red face. "When he came out of the stalls he darted towards the junction on the main track and took me by surprise," Dettori reported. "I'm okay but it hasn't done my pride any good.

"It was tough enough something like that happening here but just imagine if he'd run in the Leger and done that. The horse hasn't got an ounce of badness in him and I just hope this was a one-off."

Crisford added: "One minute you're up and the next you're flat on your face. I don't recall him doing anything like this before and, unfortunately, it means this race hasn't told us anything. We will he going to the Arc now slightly guessing, but at least he'll go there a fresh horse."

that while it enjoyed three middle-distance victories of some distinction on Saturday, the big egg in its Arc basket has now tipped out on to the floor. Swain would seem an admirable backup, especially as his Irish Champion Stakes victory on Saturday was in company with the very best performances of his career, but the Breeders' Cup Turf is likely to be his final contest before he retires to the pleasure sheds of Kentucky.

There was also much to like too about the way Nedawi overtake the St Leger, but it appears he is to be roughed off for the to flounder on ground which ap with Aga Khan colours: green success stuffed cotton wool in the marrow as they struggle up be the grey will be given an-



The irony for Godolphin is Leggera and Richard Quinn get the better of Zainta (Gerald Mossé) who finished third in yesterday's Prix Niel

Julian Herbert/Allsport

sidered the final Classic to be is always one to cherish.

It is a fallacy to believe that just because the standard of the The Grand National is consistently the most memorable event over jumps and nobody pretends that is the best quality National Hunt contest. In the same way, the St Leger is never a bad race because the challenge of good horses having to came his childish tendencies to prove their courage is not one which is sprayed around the Flat programme. The sight of Classic animals getting down to

the mouths of those who con- Town Moor's long, old straight

However, with Nedawi now considered more an animal for a race is no longer a good race next year's Arc, Daylami may enter calculations for Godolhorses has dropped slightly. phin. His win on Saturday evening in the Man O' War Stakes at Belmont Park was facilitated by the fall of the most potent of the home challengers Cetewayo. His trainer, Michael Dickinson, must have thought he had left collapsing horses behind when he left Britain.

Daylami, the mount of Jerry Bailey, produced a neat turn of foot in the straight to win going away in the 1m3f event. It could

other chance to show he can get the extra furlong.

Among his more potent challengers would be the horses which dominated yesterday's Prix Niel, Sagamix and Croco Rouge. The latter's stahlemate, Dream Well, was a bitter disappointment, but then there was plenty of that about.

PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE (Longchamp, 4 October); Coret: 4-1 Segamb, 5-1 Croco Rouge & High-Rise, 6-1 Dream Well, 10-1 Sea White, 12-1 Limnos & Limpid: Ladhrobles: 9-2 High-Rise, 5-1 Dream Well & Sagamb, 6-1 Croco Rouge, 8-1 Sea Wave, 10-1 Daylam & Limpid; Robes 9-2 High-Rise, 5-1 Sagamb, 6-1 Croco Rouge, Dream Well & Sea Wave, WHIIIam Hill: 4-1 High-Rise, 6-1 Sagamb, 7-1 Croco Rouge & Sea Wave, 8-1 Limped, 10-1 Croco Rouge 7-1 Croco Rouge & Sea Wove, 8-1 Limpid. 10-1 Dream Well, 14-1 Daylami.

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The 2,000 Guineas favourite, Aidan O'Brien's Stravinsky, will make his Pattern-race debut in the Group One Prix de la Salamandre at Longchamp rest Saturday, where his rivals may include Godolphin's Aljabr. O'Brien has announced the retirement of his Oaks winner Shahtouah.

MUSSELBURGH

2.10 On Till Morning 4.40 GEEGEE EMMARR (nap) 2.40 Baisse D'Argent 3.10 Summertrill Special (nb) 5.10 Final Claim 3.40 Cool Katie

GOING: Good to Soft. GOING: Good to Soft.

STALLS: Round course - inside; straight course - far side.

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Fight-hand oval course with tight turns, Straight 5f is one of the fastest in country.

Course is 5m E of Edinburgh on A1. Bus link from Edinburgh station 5m. ADMISSION:

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Atomile Joint-second favourite on her debut at Beverley in July and ran prominently until weatering 21 out. Finished 11 th of 17 and should do better Baytond Greene Appeared to find if floo short when outpaced until making some late headway when 9th at Pipon last time. Likely to need a longer trip Clocks: Started at 50-1 when missing the breek and last of 6 behind Man Of The Night. Could never go the pace and is breet to stay farther than this Diamond Rouge: Made her debut on the ell-weather at Southwell and finished tailed off. Much better effort at Beverley (5) next time when 5th, but will need faither Jisst Grey: Started slowly on her first appearance at Hamitton last month and was stways behind at Ripon next time. Probably needs to be dropped to a seller Oh Froblaher: Binkerd for the first time when 4th in a 51 seller here last month. Before that finished (0) behind Just Grey (8th) when last of 8 at Hamilton.

On 1th Mornting: Has been placed 3 times from 4 cusings (twice over 6) and made much of the running when 7th at Beverley last month. Has a much easier task here Phase Eight Girt: Has made no show in maldens at Carliste and Newcestle. Started at 100-1 last time and is not bred to be speedy enough for 5? Phylosozo Was withdrawn after refusing to go into the stalls on her Intended debut at Nottingham last month. Breeding suggests she will need much terther Poats Prictie: Always behind on her debut at Thirsk last month but showed a little abitry when prominent for 4t at Ripon next time. Place chance at best

Surely which promitted or 4ct report feet driep, rices depicte at deep very NERDICT: It is hard to appose ON TILL MORNING, who was not beaten for after setting too strong a pace at Severley last month. She has yet to race on ground with some cut it in, but should prove too appeady for the moderate opposition. Diamond Rouge, who put up a much better performance at Severley last time when staying on to finish 5th to Sound's Ace, probably needs further though will not have to improve much to win a run-of-the-mill maiden event.

2.40 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS E) £4,600 added 2YO 1m Penalty Value £3,184 - 6 decinred -BETTING: 6-4 Balese D'Argent, 5-2 Knighted, 4-1 Super Forum, 5-1 Verposen, 14-1 Lively Pro-

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Baisse D'Argent: Had a gulet introduction at Newmarket. Showed the benefit of that expenses of the second of the Pertino: Made no show when 14th of 16 on his first appearance at Thirsk lest month. A 50-1 chance, he started slowly and will have to improve considerably Super Forum A half-brother to former stablements Mr Occar and returned from a break when 7th of 8 at Cattenck last month. Tries this trip for the first time Verposen: Edged left under pressure when 2nd to Archie Babe at Thirsk (7f) last time. Has been unruly in the stalls, but should be suited by this step up to 1m Lively Project Held up when 8th of 11 to Archie Babe at Thirsk, Easy in the market and could improve with more experience as he is bred for this trip

VERDICT: This looks a match between Knighted and BAISSE D'ARGENT, who caught the eye when 4th of 18 to Hadleigh over 6f at Kempton last month. Backed from 33-1 to 12-1, he was staying on strongly at the finish and should be suited by the extra 2f. Knighted found of too sharp when 6th to Scarter Raider at York two weeks are and stated on strongly at the fine! 2f.

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Done Well: Taled off in handicap at Ayr lest month after lengthy absence and can only be ectel: Unsuited by slow pace lest three starts (best held up) and very well and looks to have been laid out for this

Once More For Lucic One of his better efforts fract everything in his favour) to win at York under today's pilot. Paised 5th now and will find things toughter, but deserves respect Lunicert. Generally in grip of hundridapper after sterling early-season efforts, moderate sev-enth to House of Diesers at Think test time. Stable in excellent form, however rier Last won in 1996 and is on a lengthy losing spelt. One of better efforts at Folke-

Artic Counter Last won in 1996 and is on a lengthly losing spea, one or owner enous as numerations in June, but generally best opposed. Lucky Begonia: Won three-runner race over course and distance in June, but seems better on all-weether and best Mass Vita in good style as Southwish sateme out. The President Linesposed having been laid low with stable out of form in mid-season. Little worthwhile form but deemly considered capable of a bold show with Darley aboard. Haste Lin Vistor Admirably lough sort who won at Beverloy in July and ran another good race when third to House of Dreams at Thirsk last time. Capable of another bold show. when a me as mouse or oreans at Thirsk last time. Capable of another bold show
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Ziggy's Viola: Won seler at Catterick in September, but generally well besten in nemocaps this season and others make more expect! Ambidiouthous: Goos very well here and displayed current wellbeing with fine second to Once More For Luck (to worse off at York test time. Stable in flying form and certain to go well have Short Florineance: Got the best of a blanket finish at Folkestone last time and reases off 2b higher mark. Has claims and Fortune is a good booking. Augustain: Exposed type who generally gives good secount, but nothing special about his recent efforts and this looks too competitive. Golden Assa Crediable fourth to Bilectile at Kempton (tim 4) lest time but gives impression best his attractions may one extractive and to one have there in the present and to a second control of the second control of the control of

best in a strongly-run race over stroner and is on a long loang run
Sing And Dancer Tends to run well here and is in good form judged on fourth to Cur People at Redcar last time. Each-way dains but this might be just too competitive VERDICT: A typically competitive Showcase and several make some appeal. Haste La Vista and Once More For Luck come into the race in good form, along with Short Romence and Sing And Dance, while The President is a less exposed contender. SUNIMERHILL SPECIAL looks to have been specifically prepared for this, however, and is on a very decent mark. He was unsuited by the slow pace on his last times starts but this big field should be more beneficial and his outside draw may not be such a

3.40 PINKIE NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2YO 51 Penalty Value £3,077

SETTING: 6-1 Ledycake, 7-1 Magic Light, 8-1 Prince Consort, Charlie Girl, 10-1 Oriel Star, Light-hing Blaza, Red Symphony, 12-1 athers 1897: Three Star Rated 9 5 J Carroll 12-1 (T Benco) drawn (5) 12 ran

FORM GUIDE Prince Consort: Connectors strugging to find correct trip. Never going well in York nursery le-est and reads some lenency from the handicapper Chartie Girt: Seems one of the more exposed contenders, though ran w Class Wen in similar event here lest time and is well drawn. Acts with out So Willing: Acts well with out in the ground, but well hald from this mark at Hamilton test time and others make more appeal, periodicity given poor draw. Origin Starr Confirmed earth promise to win maden audion at Fipon lest time by shorthead from Tread Soffly, Faces a very difficulty adaptment from this draw, however Lightning Blazat: Winner of two sellers and two claimers at Beverley, but exposed in hand-icage lest two starts and has raced only on fast ground.

Goethinger Handstrong and and news moreogen he desertion out it all into a finish. Sellent Goehlous: Headstrong sort and gives impresson he doesn't pur it all into a finish. Falled to stay 7f lest time but previous sight to Jackies Baby at Folioptione is only poor form Ladycates: Won seller over course and detance in August and finished good second to

Wind in Winnipeg in nursery at Hemiton, where pulled too hard Bodfard Komaha: Signs of ability in melders, but returns from a break on nursery debut and is not well drawn. More a long-term prospect then others. Pilch Dominion: Struggling to progress at present, running fair race when ninth in nursery at Room (8t) on heavy ground. Not an obvious improver over this shorter top. Tenomed Arms: First home on unfavoured side at Room lest time and had previously fin-

secretic farmer prior notice on unaccular sole as report less are as a real previously wire shed fire second to Patachio there in June on soft going, one for the shortfelt. Red Symphony: Won selfer over course and dietanch in May (for enother years) on soft going, and has been unacted by first lest two outings. Chances, but moderately drawn shapife Light: No worthwhile form to date but shrewd connections must be respected. Unfacuratily drawn, however, and unfallely to prove much value. favourably drawn, however, and unlikely to prove much value Cool Kazier Fair second to Ladycaler (same terms) here last month, when badly drawn. Previously unludky at Thick and is on a very decent mark, particularly considering she en-

pays best of the craw this time risables Grit; Won seler at Casterick in July. Closely handicapped with Ladycales and

Yorkshive Gritz Won seller at Caterick in July. Dosely handicapped with Lablycake and Cool Kine on course and distince from Miss Multiply: Humesup in median auction on all-weather at Woverhampton in July, seelly best effort. Her a difficult draw to overcome Choic/Dt; Tanda to hang left and give impression something arries, but the type of lightly-need sort the state excels with and should not be entirely written of!

Abstract: Little form to dete, but has given the impression capable of better and is well drawn. An unknown quantity, but cannot be entirely discounted with decembring abound VERDICE: A very happy race, periodely considering that several of the more intensi-ing consinters seem to have difficult dows to overcome. Tancred Arms cought the eye from a bad draw test time and makes obvious appeal, while Magle Light will have plenty of supporters given his connections. COOL KATIE looks the most likely winner, being draws against the favoured far rail and figuring on a very bair merk. Abstract and Yorkshire Grit are others to consider.

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eral Glove, On The Mat, 14-1 others 997. Il Principe 3 7 13 J F Egan 7-2 fav (John Berry) drawn (13) 14 ran

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Back Row: Moderate fifth last time, but previously ran well when second to Bathe in Light at Sandown(im 6). Proteiply not a thorough stayer at this trip.
It Principes in good form over staying trips lest season and remains on a fair mark. Caught eye over insdequete trip at Policestone last time and should run a big race Cut Discrond: Given good ride to win slowly-run handlesp at Bath last month, but has run ponty over this trip on last two starts and not certain to handle the ground Brodesea Game old more who loves it round here but is botter off in sellers and claimers, and others make more appeal in this goade.

Charity Crusader: Alexatical handlesp over course and distance in August and heat generally run creditably otherwise this season, but is assentially fully exposed Stazrat: has found his metier over staying trips and is in time form at present, beaten neck by Past Forward Fred in strong cortests at Sandown last time. Handles cut in the ground and looks certain to give a very good account.

General Glow: On a long losing run, though ran better then of late when second to Startly over a shorter trip here. Others make much more appeal.

Breydon: Pluming creditably at present, but basically exposed as a one-paced stay-ex. Narrowly beaten by Diamond Crown at Newcastle last time.

On The Mat: First worthwhile form to win handlesp at Ripon run on heavy ground last time out, staying on dourly to best Montargon by short head. Claims, but faces atemier sets of speed on this shap track.

Suggest: Campelgned over shorter trips recently, best effort fifth to Norcroft Joy at Beverley (th 4f) last month. Does not appeal as an out-end-out stayer. Nicroer: Seems of little account to present (Iclooneum: Poor stayer, still a maiden and unlikely to change that in this company Jubranc. A light of others.

as more
Thorntourn House: Returns from a lengthy absence and makes little appeal
The Robe: Best effort when third at Beverley in August but ran terribly on all-wi
er surface at Lingfield last time

VERIDICT: Last year's winner, 8 Principe, is one of the more interesting contenders for a run-of-the-mil staying handicap. He is still well treated despite it winning spree just year and has sheped as if coming to hand. On the filset showed improved form in very testing conditione at Ripon less time and should go well again, but SHARAF is a confident choice. He has posted come very good efforts of late in stronger company and will relish the easy ground being by Sadler's Wells.

4.40 HONEST TOUN MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS F) (DIV I) £3,500 added 7f 30yds Penalty Value £2,425 FORM GUIDE

Cong Ruise: Mesed lest season and her shown little in two outings for his new stable despite being dropped 13th in the handscap. Hard to fancy trailing Rose: Finished behind Chinaberry (9th) when 10th to My Legal Eagle at Thrak in July. Rumer-up to Define City here on eoft ground in June Broadgete Flyer: Hiss not run on the Pat for 14 months. Finished talled off over hurdles here in Jeruary and is probably hereig a preprace before going back over jumps. Registry Times: Has the form to win a maiden handscap, but is becoming disappointing. Binkered for the first time when 5th at Think 9 days ago bekert Cast: Has had plently of chances since showing fair form as a 2-y-o for form Jones. Has become inconsistent and unikely to and his loang run here. Desert Cat: Hes had plonty of chances since showing ser form as a 2-y-0 for form Jones. Has become inconsistent and unlikely to and his learning run here. Geogee Examen: A helf-sisset to wirering hunder Balton and her future could be over jumps. Showed promote when a stelying-on 5th at Three O'war in a seler at Heydock last month. Sicth in a similar event at Ripon mark time and this looks harder Chlasberry: Possibly better on the ast-weather and finished 2nd to Swan island at Southwell in July Ground is in her fevour, but she does not look good enough Zhaic Found title when select for his effort at Hamiton last time, but invised and hold and Each at Threet in July Christienty and lasten Rose befored. Zingac Found give when select for his entire of rearmetin less time, but invised and by ly goal Eagle at Times, in July (Clanaberry and Italian Rose behand). One is Got Has been beaten in select and has also been inted on the all-weather. Firsthed three-quarters of a length behand Italian Rose (Chid) when 3rd here in June Rusself Held by One to Go ph their running behand Martindale at Rippo in July. Was having his second outing over this tip when unglaced at Newcastle last time. Dudley Allent Hes yet to start at order of less than 25-1 in 7 outings. Was an 80-1 chance when last of 5 to Henry Head at Brighton last month. Eurotect Lengtry absence to overcome as he has not run since making his seasonal reappearance when 6th to Super Get in a seller here (3f) in June. Unreleable Mentions Bred to be a sprinter, she has shown nothing in 3 outings the season. Has been dropped 24th in the hendicap, but was unplaced in this roce last year. VERDICT: Most of these never run the same race twice and Zibak, who have from rm stable who have had 20 winners this season, has an excellent chance

a small, in-torm station with case had 20 vertices this season, has an exceeding creative on his 2nd to My Legisl Eagle at Thirsk in July However, he did not seem to act on the act ground at Hamilton next time. Lightly-raced GEEGIES EMMARRI has had the 3 outings necessary for a handicalp mark and gave the impression she would be suited by an extra furlong when a staying-on 5th to Moet at Thirsk 9 days ago. 5.10 HONEST TOUN MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS F) (DIV II) \$23,500 added 7f 30yds Penaity Value \$2,425

SETTING: 5-2 Technician, 0-1 Endiese Hours, 7-1 Manifesto, 8-1 Bartions, Donne's Double, 10-1 Manylebous, Envoy, Final Claim, 12-1 others 1997: see division one

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Technician: Quite consistent, but may not be suited by some cut in the ground as he soon dropped away in the final 2f when 5th to Hamilton (soft) lest month Endless Hours: Likely to need this as she has not run since finishing with to Knotty Hill at Hamilton in May. Acts on soft ground, though seems best at 6f Marylabone: Teined by Jack Berry last seeson and then left Lynda Rameden's yard in the bear discontinuous to the hours described the seems of the last control of the hours of the place of the seems of the last of the hours described the seems of the last of the hours of the seems of the last of the seems of the last of the seems of the last of the last of the seems of the last of the seems of the last of the last of the seems of the last of the seems of the last of the seems of the seems of the last of the seems of the Envoy: Urraced as a 2-y-o, he finished 4th to Catterick on his turt debut in Aori, his not confirmed that promise despite being dropped 7to in the handcap Above Board: Treined by Berry Hills last session and finished last on his first two outings for his new yard. Showed a little stolifty at Cartisle last month—Ellenber: Suited by soft ground and ran Margaret's Dencer to a hid at Pontefract in June, Has been tried in blinkers and has looked ungenuine on occasions. Final Claims: Had Marylabone about 31 ewey in 6th when 2nd to Margaret's Dencer at Thinak last time. Held by Technician on their numbro here last month.

Final Claims: Had Marylabone about 3! away in 6th when 2nd to margarers a comment of think lest time. Held by Technolen on their running here lest month as it think lest time. Held by Technolen on their running here lest month as thinked to specify the service and looks of log cause. Has been dropped 14th, but has finished lest twos and looks of log cause. French Pride: Has shown her best form over 5f and did not appear to stay when the down this trip for the first time at Beverlay lest month. Steeps Baby: Finished behind Technology (3rd) and Finish Calm (6th) when 10th to Chical Air here over this trip last month. Shoke a blood vessel in July Domas's Double: Formerly trained by Nigel Trinder and Con Enrico Incles, he is well. Donne's Double: Formerly trained by Nigel Trider and Oon Em-handcapped with Technican on their running to Carible in May

VERDICT: Like the previous event, most of these cannot be reled on. Technician deserves to win a race, but the ground may be against him. He has plenty to do at the weights as he ran 2nd to Ribble Assembly at Curitate in May and meets DONNA'S DOUBLE (3'ti) on 9to worse terms for a length and three-quarters. Well drawn, Doinnis Double showed he acts on soft ground when runner-up to Ashfelgh Boker on he tark outing for Don Eddy at Ayr in July.

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16-1	Bergen. 3,40: 1. NEDAWI (J Reid) 5-2 fav; 2. High
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Newmerket) Tote: \$590; \$180, \$920; \$180, \$810, DF; \$34690, CSF; \$14858, Treast; \$178218, Triecta; \$1877820; \$5,63269 cta-EVEZIA: Infectal STB(7828) SSB228 cta-ried forward to lomorrow. After a stewards' inquiry, Muhtafet, who finished first, was dis-qualified and placed last. 4.45: 1. BHEER VIKING (M HBs) 9-1; 2. Bornowini 10-1; 3. Red Prairie 11-2 18 ran. 19-8 fay Sinda. ½, nk. 11-HBs. Landaum, 10-8 fay Sinda. ½, nk. 11-HBs. Landaum, 10-8 fay Sinda. 250, 5 8-1; 4. Bodteri Anna 10-1, 22 ran. 114, nk. (Mrs J Ramsden, Thirsh). Tota: 22.10; £120, £750, £230, £230, DF: £7330, CSF: £3207. Jackpot: Not won; \$88,96958 garried for-ward to tomorrow.

> GOODWOOD Going: Good to Soft 2.16: 1. WARNINGFORD (K Fallon) 7-2 iav;

Hd, B (J. Fenshame), Tota: £520; £170, £220, £270 DF: £1780 CSF: £1851 Th;ast: £18073. Ho, B. () Faresterney, Index (220), 12-01, 12-20, 1

SATURDAY'S RESULTS BANGOR Going: Good

1.50: 1. UP THE CLARETS (R McGrath) 9-1; 2. Lambrial Lad 5-2 by; 3. Edwards 5-1 13 mm, 1½, 3½. (J J O'Neil). Total: £10.40; £210, £250. bP: £780. CSF: 22.67.
2.25: 1. POMME SECRET (C Maude) 9-2: 2. Endowment 9-2: 3. Newton Mist 8-1.9 ran, 71-9 lav Guttendge (pulled up), 7, 18, (M Pape), Tota: 53.30: 51.01.51.00. F190. DF: 53.71. CSF: 52.55: 1. CHIEF IMOUSE (A Maguire) 5-1; 2. So Keen 5-9 Ray, 3. Pressy Carry 9-1. 10 sta. Hd. 18, 18, 18, 180: 54.77. F10. S190.

15-8; 2. White in Front 100-1; 3. Peninsu-in Boy 8-1. 10 ran. 5-4 lav Castle Clear (lot). 5, 11, (G M Moore). Tate: C250; C10, C1810. E170. DF: E2580. CSF: S4354. NFI: F658vol. Placepot: £2150. Quedpot: £230. Place 6: £7980, Place 5: £4870.

WORCESTER Going: Good

2.20: 1, BARLEY MEADOW (N Horrocks) 9-1; 2, Maradi 7-1 |t tov: 3, Cordial Knight 15-1; 4, Nutreauli 12-1; 18 raw, 7-1 |t lav Galloping Gurss, 4-n; (R Ford), Tobe; 5240, 5200, 5220, 5590, 5240, DF: \$40.30, CSF: PERSS, Torrect, Systam, Nov. PAGE TROOK 230 SEVEN DF: \$140.30 CSF: PAGE TROOK 230.58 NR. AREL TROOK 230.58 NR. AREL TROOK 250.51 NR. AREL TROOK 250.51 NR. AREL TROOK 250.51 NR. DAVID SEVEN DE TROOK 250.51 NR. DAVID SEVE 2 Linton Rocks 6-4 lav; 3. Croboppie HB 7-2 10 rkn. /s. 1 (C Mann), Tota: 0860: 62:0, 6180, C180, DF: 672:30, CSF: 673:30

4.00: 1. RUNAWAY PETE (A P McCoy) 9-4: 4.00: 1. FURNAWAY PETE (A P McCos) 9-1: 2. Kinnescash 9-2; 3. Snowy Petral 7-8 tax 8 rax. 8. 10. (M Pipa). Tota: 5,340; E180. 5200. DF: 25.30. CSF: C105. 4.38: 1. YOUNETTERBELEVIST (M R Forestal) 5-4 tax: 2. Dines 11-8; 3. Basy Liberting 9-2 6 rax. Nr. 3. (S Sherwood). That taxing 9-2 6 rax. Nr. 3. (S Sherwood). That taxing 9-2 6 rax. Nr. 3. (S Sherwood). That taxing 9-2 6 rax. Nr. 3. (S Sherwood). That taxing 9-2 6 rax. Nr. 3. (S Sherwood). That taxing 9-2 6 rax. Nr. 3. (S Sherwood). That taxing 9-2 6 rax. Nr. 3. (S Sherwood). That taxing 9-2 6 rax. Nr. 3. (S Sherwood). That taxing 9-2 6 rax. Nr. 3. (S Sherwood). That taxing 9-2 6 rax. Nr. 3. (S Sherwood). That taxing 9-2 6 rax. Nr. 3. (S Sherwood). That taxing 9-2 6 rax. Nr. 3. (S Sherwood).

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4.00: 1. SWAIN (L. Detton) 6-4 lev; 2. Alb-creds 7-1; 3. Xuer 4-1 8 rev. 1, 1/4. (Seed 5-1 bin Surcon), Totac 52:20, C120, F170, F189 (see

Jackson beaten by false start

COLIN JACKSON controversially missed out on £19,000 as Britain's men were unable to repeat their European heroics on the World Cup stage in Johannesburg Stadium yesterday.

Jackson suffered a second defeat in a major event by a rival who got a "false" start as the rain came down in Africa. Javelin thrower Steve Backley provided the only British winner on the final day as he completed a cup hat-trick, while American superwoman Marion Jones proved she was human

beaten record was ended. The Great Britain men. minus key injured performers like Jonathan Edwards and Doug Walker, finished sixth as hosts and title holders Africa took the Cup, renamed after Nelson Mandela, by just one

after all as ber year-long un-

point from Europe.

"We are not disappointed," said team director Max Jones. "We estimated that we'd get 89 points and that's what we got. It's just a pity we could not have

a full-strength team here. "But, if you'd have told me a year ago that this season we would win the European Cup, finish top of the medals table at the European Championships and qualify for the World Cup I'd have been delighted."

Jackson, who has insisted the decision to withdraw from the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur to run in Japan instead was not money motivated, lost out on the winner's prize money.

The 31-year-old Welshman was beaten into second place by just 0.01sec after Germany's Falk Balzer got a flier

to win in 13.10. Balzer's reaction time, and the even quicker one of Rod Zuyderwyk in the lane alongside, should have forced the starter to bring them back.

"The starter has control of the race and if he doesn't callus back you just have to accept it," said Jackson, who lost the world indoor title in Toronto in 1993 when local hero Mark McKoy also beat the gun.

Jones said: "We protested but were told the starter didn't hear the false start hleep maybe because of the crowd

But there was no stopping Backley as he pocketed the top prize with a second round effort of 88.71m to break the Cup record set six years ago by iniured rival Jan Zelezny.

"That feels very special," said Backley. "It's my third World Cup title - though the first one I have been paid for.

"I felt under pressure a bit out there because the team needed the points. But I think we have all done ourselves proud because we did have a slightly weakened team."

Britain's one-lap relay quartet of Mark Hylton, Jamie Baulch, Sean Baldock and Iwan Thomas had to settle for second despite a storming last leg from Thomas which made up two places. The United States woo in 2:59.28 as Britain, who clocked 2:59.71, were left to rue Mark Richardson's decision to pull-out of the squad to concentrate on next week's

Cardiff's Doug Turner



Steve Backley on his way to victory in Johannesburg yesterday

200m, which was won by Namibia's Frank Fredericks in a Cup record 19.97. Jones tasted defeat for the

sharpened up for the Com- first time in 39 competitions monwealths by clocking a sea- stretching back to 6 September son's hest of 20.51sec in the last year-when she had to settle for second in the long jump as she attempted to follow-up her victories in the 100 and 200

But Jones only managed a jump of seven metres in the stadium where many had forecast altitude could see her soar to around 7.50m and lost out to the 7.07m leap of Germany's Heike

Redgrave eases to eighth gold

BRITAIN FINISHED third in the medal table at the close of the World Rowing Championships in Cologne yesterday but with no additions to the three golds and one silver taken oo Saturday. The team performance was, as for the past 14 years, underpinned by the achievements of Stephen Redgrave, who added an eighth World gold to his four Olympic successes, this time with codess four partners, Tim Foster, James Cracknell and Matthew Pinsent.

Their win had a moment of uncertainty when, 750 metres from the finish, the Italian crew, which has been close to the front of this event for five years, made a determined charge. The unique depth of experience in the British crew meant no panic followed and the attack was contained without damage and, when in the last 500metres the others, now led by France coming up from fourth, began to close down the margin Redgrave, in the number two seat, was able to call a brief sprint to carry them. over the line safely.

In the middle of last winter Redgrave, suffering for the second time from insulin dependent diabetes and 36 years old. began to wonder whether it was worth the huge effort in training to go on winning championships like this.

Although Saturday was more than just another day at the office he was delighted to

BY HUGH MATHESON

say: "I still enjoy the challenge and knowing there are several crews who can make this event harder to win gives a point to the training. It was our fastest race this season but not our

The women's team, which had outstanding results last year in the first season after the Olympics, managed to consolidate its position with a gold and silver. The double scull stroked by the Paisley-bred Gillian Lindsay and with 33-year-old Miriam Batten in the bow made a courageous start with the strategy to lead the favourites, the Netherlands, who normally expect to be in front at the first quarter. Outstandingly successful

though this was, it gave them the harder task of holding on in front while the Dutch and Romanians ground them down over the second half of the course. That their defence of the lead was so resolute is a testimony to their guts as racers and the technical efficiency imparted chiefly by their coach Mike Sprackien in his permanent training camp at his home in Mariow.

The women's pair of Dot Blackie and Cath Bishop have had their wait for a championship medal noreasonably

delayed, notably by a virus which caught Cath Bishop in the semi-finals a year ago. Here they had reached their first ever final, but faced a superb pair of reigning champions, Emma Robinson and Alison Korn from Canada. The British pair, always slower over the first half, were fourth at half way but found their rhythm and used the huge volume of training at Mariow to give them the confidence that they would cover the second half faster than anyone, stripping two seconds off the Cana-

dians to win silver. The women's light pair of Juliet Machan and Jo Nitsch, a late substitute for Caroline Hobson who went home with a back injury, also took a gold medal in convincing style. Machan said: "I was disappointed there were only four entries in the event because there are few opportunities at this level for lightweight women and if not enough turn up it may get axed. You want to win against the best competition you can find."

The men's lightweights fared better than the nil medal count suggests. The eight and four were both fourth and the single sculler, Peter Haining, finished fifth, aggrieved that his lane on the far side of the course had been unfairly exposed to the stiff cross wind and the quadruple scull was a cred-

Reid closes the gap in title race

RICKARD RYDELL missed his first chance to clinch the British Touring Car Championship at Oulton Park yesterday and the title battle goes down to the final rounds at Silverstone pext weekend, with the Swede's nearest challenger, Anthony Reid, now much closer.

Reid took a win and a second place in his Nissan, while Rydell m his Volvo was fourth and 11th. The gap between them is now just 11 points, though the series' dropped-score rules

MOTOR RACING

BY NICK PHILIPS

mean that in effect Reid will than his rival in the last two rounds to win. A maximum score is 33.

Reid is cautiously optimistic. "It doesn't feel like it's mine, but it is possible to win," the Scot

Rydell said: "Today's pace is not good enough, we will have

to make the car quicker for

Honda's James Thompson took the other win, while the remaining podium spots went to have to score 14 more points Alain Menu, third in the sprint. and his Renault team mate, Jason Plato, who was second in the feature race ahead of Audi's Yvan Muller in third. Two titles were clinched, with Nissan securing the manufacturers' title and Tommy Rustad winning the Autosport Independents' Cup for non-works drivers.

NOTTINGHAM

HYPERION 2.00 Shamel 2.30 Kinan 3.00 Mizhar 3.30 Palo Blanco 4.00 Lady Berware 4.30 Cohiba 5.00 Shaffishayes

GOING: Good to Soft (Good in places). STALLS: 61 - stands side; remainder - incide. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High best for 6t. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High best for 8t

Left-hand, oval course. Flat and galitoring with easy turns.

Course is 2m & of only off 6968. Notingham station 2m. ADMISSION: Cub El4 (Lunions, 19-21 years, 210); Tattersalle £9 (Lunions, 19-21 years, 210); Tattersalle £9 (Lunions, 19-21 years, 210); Silver Fling & Paddock 54. CAR PARICE, Silver Ring £12 (admits car plus four occupants), remainder free.

ELEADING TRAINERS: J Ounlop — 22 winters from 127 runners grees a success rate of 173%; If Cell 18 from 60 (26.7%); Mrs. J Remedien 14 from 61 (154%); Toparitien 16 from 157 (121%); T Quinn 17 from 101 (168%); L Dettori 17 from 104 (16.3%).

ELADINO JOCKEYS: K Failon 31 wirts from 168 rides gives a success rate of 18.3%; T Spratten 16 from 157 (121%); T Quinn 17 from 101 (16.8%); L Dettori 17 from 104 (16.3%).

ELADINO FAVOURITES: 248 wirts in 724 fraces (24.4%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: King's Chambers (2.30); Summer Queen (visored) (3.30); Comption Alder (400).

2.00 EBF TRENT MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,600 added 2YO 1m 54yds

— #3 declared — BETTING: 3-1 Rivegaes, 7-2 Adense, 9-2 Shemet, 11-2 Tensing, 8-1 Ebin-zayd, Stanley Wigfield, 12-1 Theseus, 20-1 others FORM YERDICT

Most of the big yards represented, but noises emanating from Newmarket suggest that RHAGAAS should make a wrining debut. This well-bred colt holds a couple of big-note entires and is related to the useful Klimaryaro, who was a winner or soft ground. Adnasm, who also holds some fancy entires, boests the best form on view and should give the selection most to do. Of the others, Taming, Shamel and Ebinzayd are all worth hereprig a close eye on.

2.30 EBF DEVON MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV I) £4,600 added 2YO 67

R.A.	KINAN (USA) (23) R Amelions 9 0 L Deltori 8
	KING'S CHAMBERS B 180 9 0 M 1800 4 B
0	FRINKNATE (9) Mrs. J. Remeden 9 6 Down McKnows 1
	TONG ROAD (19) 8 Cambidge 90P McCata 3
	VICTORIOUS (SV) B Matheman 90 1 Newton 2
	GRANNYS RELUCTANCE (123) S Pating 89 T Spratu 10
	KARAMEG P Horts 99
	SHARP SPICE Lord Huntington 88
05	TINA'S ROYALE (70) H Cardy 8 9C Rober 12

- 12 declared -BETTENG: 5-2 Floral Roj, 3-1 Habub, 4-1 Kinan, 10-1 King's Chambers, 12-1 Armideia, Ozamya Refuciance, 14-1 Rugimus, 20-1 others

FORM VERDICT The three to concentrate on are newcorner Habub, Idman and FLORIAL RIAL with preference for the leaf-remed. Florial Rial bad obviously been showing something at home to start become for his flowbury debut and did enough to suggest that a rose of this calibre is well within his great. Habub has some decent entries and his chance will be reflected in the market, while the speedy Kinan is sure to give his numbring.

3.00 EBF DEVON MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV II) £4,600 added 2YO 67

FORM VERDICT

This looks another worther for the Dettor/Loder combination. The yeards juveniles are always well prepared and SIR JACK should have no probeins handing the torseast soft conditions. The drop down it his trip should suit Missian, who has race in him, while there are encouraging reports concerning both Agiotaga and Chestikre Cat.

3.30 BRANSTON ABBY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,000 added filles & mares 6f | E) E4,000 added fillies & marks 67
| GOSS BELLADERA (84) (D) & Mesture 310 6 ... 6 Herzon (7) 20
| S-420 OK BASE (191) (D) (87) J Nesture 310 6 ... 6 Herzon (7) 20
| D08206 SALLY GREEN (19) (D) C Wall 49 37 ... J Red 17
| 0035 SALTAN LASS (153) R Gaust 39 22 ... T Outre 2
| S30350 SUBMER OUTEN (8) S Woods 48 12 ... R Midlen (3) 18 V
| S0037 THE GREEN (19) S Woods 48 12 ... R Midlen (3) 18 V
| S003 THE GREEN (19) A Woods 48 12 ... R Midlen (3) 18 V
| OUTRE GREEN (19) A Woods 48 12 ... R Midlen (3) 18 V
| S003 THE GREEN (17) A Belley 39 7 ... S Whithouth 12
| S0030 S CHRANDER (8) (D) (87) D Noticelle 39 5 ... F Noticel 1
| D00000 SOLD SPEET (28) (D) J Jeréne 3 9 4 ... K Fallon 8

342001 BROADWAY MELODY (14) (0) A Jarve 4 9 3.D Semanoy 18 302210 BOLLIN ANN (14) T Ensurby 3 B 3....

A high draw is an edwantage over of and MISS PENTON, from the 19 borth, may be worth an interest on her hand-cap debut. She has been campaigned over further since showing promise on her debut over boday's trip and her yard has also hit a bit of form of late. Sally Green is another to consider along with Broadway Melody and Bolfin Azo. Chitailder would have been the selection but for her low draw.

17	100	EREWASH	NURSERY	HANDICAL
Ľ	1.00	(CLASS E)	NURSERY £4,000 added	2YO filles 6
1	463	LADY LAZARUS (1	O) M Bernferd 97	M Roberts 11
2	535	SERVEN TEG (16) E	Patry 95	T Sprate 9
3	023100	CALL ME LUCKY	20) (D) M Shibbin 9 5	D Murragh (5) 5
4	61540	GOLDEN CHARK	(CD) (CD) J Barrier 8 3	O Feddiner (8) 18
5	036	THIPLE PAISE (CE	H) (14) R Harmon 9 :	Darse O'Neill 1
6	0457253	LADY BEWARE (7)	(BF) M Charpon 92	T Quien 16
7			9 J Butter 97	
			(23) T Emsterby 91	
8	0600m	STI JUNE (14) (D)	M Dods 90	A Clark 16
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13			(D) D McCart 8 10.	
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10			(17) (BF) G A Buter &	
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-	400	are over feel .		

- 20 declared -BETTING: 7-1 Lady Lazerus, 8-1 Ski Jurep, Compton Akts, 10-1 Triple Rejec, Richoles Metrees, Claria, 12-1 Lady Bessers, 14-1 others FORM VERDICT

A wide open nursery with not too many strong angles to pick up on. One workship possibility is that well-drawn Window winner CLUNE may find some improvement under her senior joddy from a potentially attractive mark, with sufficient encouragement in her pedigne to suggest any give in the commit would set.

4.30 SOAR HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,000 added 2m 40000- COPPER SHELL (1779) Mrs L Jewell 4 10 0... II Saresony 14 3-0324 DREFT (7) II Cardion 4 9 12 PRoblemon 16 5-0020 CHILDREN'S CHOICE (25) (C.II) O Monte 7 9 9A McGlosse 4

FORM VERDICT

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5	000072	MAD RISAL (180) K Correstord 8 8 5 W J O'Coresor 12
8		MEGTS MEMORY (J142) A Streeter 584T Spenke 1
7		ABSENTEE (16) (C) J L Henry 5 8 3
8		PHILOSOPHIC (23) (0) Mrs L James 4 9 0 Dame O'Note 11
9		GOLDEN HADEER (26) (CD) M Ryan 7 8 12 P McCabe 8
10		DIAMONO CROWN (16) (C) M Wans 7 8 13 A Whelen 18
T	0-6320	RABEA (USA) (35) (8F) J Dunkop 3 8 10 T Quinn 3
12		OLD RED (10) (CD) (EF) Mrs M Reveloy 88 12 _ K Fadion 9
13		CORREA (185 (C) 8 Outey 58 11
14		BHYMUR (122) (U) O Murry Smith 48 11 N Polland (5) 5
-		TITTLE BELLUE NOT I France 78 40 . I Tale 8

- 15 declared -BETTING: 5-1 Old Fied, 8-1 Piscosophic, 7-1 Dritt, 8-1 Cobibs, 18-1 Chischur's Cholos, 12-1 Imad, Little Brave, Calchery, 14-1 Others

FORM VERDICT An unestractive race, with a number firsty to be short on fir-ness, and starsha doubts for others, including Cohiba and Dismond Crown. Kjeran Fallon may well coax the best out of Old Red, but proteinnes is for LLTTLE BRAVE in the hope

5.00 DOVER BECK CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000 added 1m 2f 83012 BURNING (12) (D) N Littrodum 6.9 8...... T G McLaughlin 12 565014 CLASSIC FIND (23) (D) Pet hibtel 5.9 8....... M Fauton 14 405522 SHAFFSHAYES (10) (65) Mrs M Fauton 9.9 8...... K Falton 9 0301/2 DESERT POWER (20) (D) O Burdin 9.9 4...... Charrock 6 500(D) DEZLURIVE ASSEMBLY (29) A James 8.9 4...... F Norton 11 42-633 PURSUNANT (20) M Hermond 4.9 4......... C Loweller 13.

- 18 Gackered -BETTING: 9-2 Shaffishayse, 6-1 Classic Find, 7-1 Dide of Class, 8-1 Princes Danfelfe, Associato, 10-1 Burning, 12-1 Depart Power, 14-1 olivers

FORM VERDICT . The Ses of Obde D'Oats and Rose Of Shoulb are poten-tially better than they have shown and are worth watching in the market, but it seems best to side with more exper-enced types, though hold-up horses Classic Find, Sheff-lehayes (Fedon) and Princess Danielle might ideally prater. a more strongly-run race then is Reply, in the circum AMOROSO gets the vote leaving run a sound third ridden prominently in an 18-runner handloap over the trip lest time.

Giants win despite salary cap dispute

MANCHESTER GIANTS put the salary-cap dispute behind them with an 86-81 opening night victory over Peugeot Bullets Birmingham on Saturday, then immediately focused on settling their row with the Budweiser League.

The League refused to licence John White, who was injured anyway, and issued single team pending Thursday's hearing into allegations that Giants four consecutive free throws

Giants' general manager, Jay Goldberg, said: "John White will be licensed and will play against Thames Valley Tigers next Saturday if he is fit. Anything else is speculation."

White being released to satiswas one of four major summer chise, Edinburgh Rocks.

BASKETBALL

BY RICHARD TAYLOR

signings alongside former Greater London Leopards team-made Makeeba Perry, Birmingham's Tony Dorsey and Tigers' Holley.

Dorsey led the Giants' scorers with 30 points against his game licences for the rest of the former club, breaking a 78-78 tie before Ronnie Baker scored had broken the £157,000 salary and Holley clinched the win from the line.

Newcastle Eagles Peter Scantlebury broke the League appearance record in 467 games, but could not prevent Robert Youngblood, who scored 23 points, leading Leopards to Speculation centred on a 77-73 win.

Malcolm Leak's three-pointfy the League's regulations, er, five seconds from time. but Goldberg apparently re-jected that possibility. White don Towers over the new fran-

SPORTS BETTING

Blackburn to be held

Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday, Blackburn have no busi- more potent strike force since ness whatsoever being odds-on they recruited Dwight Yorke to beat Lyons in their first- and need not fear from La Liga round, first leg Uefa Cup tie at champions Barcelona, who lost Ewood Park tomorrow night. some key players during the Whereas Blackburn have close season and made heavy

slipped to 18th place in the weather of beating Extre-Premiership, Lyons lie second madura 1-0 at home on Saturin the French League following day night. their 2-1 victory over Sochaux on Saturday. Lyons are capable of winning this tie, but will be more than content to return to Monaco on Friday. home with a draw.

The Premiership leaders Aston Villa should overwhehn the Norwegians Stromsgodset, who lost 4-0 at Staback on Saturday, Liverpool will be quite content to come home with a draw draw after their visit to Kosice and Leeds are fancied to contain the moderate Maritimo of the Portugese league, who produced nothing to write home about when drawing 1-1 at Braga at the weekend.

On Wednesday, Manchester United can lay low Barcelona in their Champions' League tie at Old Trafford. United look to have a much ccorat, H William Hill, Ladbrokes, S Sconley

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DISMAL LOSERS 3-0 at BY IAN DAVIES

Arsenal are fancied to emerge with a draw from their visit to Lens, who went down 2-0

Aston Ville	<u>1-3</u>	2.7	4-11	7
Draw	10-3	10-3	11-4	7.
Strouspodset	5-1	8-7	7-1	7.
Blackbars	10-11	8-11	10-11	4
Draw .	- 9-4	12-5	9-4	
Lyons	12-5	3-1	12-5	11-
Koske '	3-1	11-4	7-2	3
Draw	12-5	9-4	9-4	11-
Liverpool	8-11	4-5	4-6	4
Leeds	4-9	2-5	2-5	4-1
Draw	5-2	11-4	11-4	
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PLUMPTON HYPERION

2.20 Sharbadarld 2.50 Tight Fist 3.20 Kazawari 3.50 Marble City 4.20 Mias Orphan 4.50 Sprint Up

GOING: Good.

Left-hend, undulating course with sharp bends. Tricky down-hill fence in back straight. Uphill run-in of 200yab.

E Course is off A275 S of Hoywards Heath. Plumpton station adjoins course. ADMISSION: Members £13; Tattersalls £9; Centre of course 26 per car plus £5 per person. CAR PARK: £1.

ELADING TRANSERS: M Pipe — 25 winners from 51 runners gives a success ratio of 48%; J Jenkins 11 from 68 (62%); Mises H Knight 19 from 23 (43%); R O'Sulfivan 9 from 52 (73%).

ELADING JOCKEYS: A P McCoy 34 wins from 95 ros gives a success ratio of 354%; M A Fitzgaratid 14 from 63 (22.2%); A Maguite 13 from 57 (22.8%); J R Kavenagh 12 from 61 (19.7%).

E FAVOURITES: 49 wins in 452 races (41%).

BLINKERED FRIST TIME: Zanyaf (420).

2.20 FRIDAY AD NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) \$3,000 added 2m 4f

FORM VERDICT

SHARBADARID may be the type who does best when fresh and this could be the time to catch him over hurdles. He was capable of fair form on he day on the Fiet, and makes plen-ty of appeal at today's weights, with Leguna Bey and Waterlaw both burdened by penalties.

2.50 ROBIN LLOYD ASSOCIATES H'CAP CHASE (E) £4,000 added 2m 2013 CASPAN BELLEA, (9) (0) 8 Kingh 10 12 (0) 16 F Forches (7) 5301- TIGHT FIST (100) (C) (D) May H Kingh 8 11 2 — R Ferrant 2072 5 BATTERY FIRED (8) Kingh 9 11 1 — D Quillighter FIFT-16 SAFETY (73) (CD) 1 Cultum 10 4 — Mr J Crostey (7) 8 FP-LP4 VAAGUR (14) S Lievellyn 9 13 3 — 3 Kelly (3) 8 6-5631 Rust FOR COVER (12) (0) May P Duthald 9 10 1 — P Holley CASPAN (15) (C) Mr A E Johnson 9 10 1 — R Jehanon 16-02 MiSch 00MISSON (42) (D) V Darkell 8 10 0 — J Cultoly B

- 2 declared -BETTING: 2-1 Run For Cover, 4-1 Tight Fist, 9-2 Casplan Beloge, 6-1 Irlah Dominion, 8-1 Safety, 12-1 Battery First, Roth's Boy, 18-1 Yestaxa

FORM VERDICT CASPIAN BELUGA continues to run well and is taken to con-firm last months Newton Abbot placings with triefs Domin-ion. He may have most to feer from Plan For Cover, but this quick stop up to handicap company could find out the mare.

3.20 TALISMAN CLAIMING HURDLE (CLASS F) £3,500 added 2m 1f

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Kazawari was unimpressive when accring his second British win at Market Pasen in July and, while he could just have been in need of a break et that point (he had been numing in France prior to jorning Martin Pipe), it could pay to oppose him with IMPAMOUS, who showed good form early last seeson and is fit from the Flat.

3.50 SOUTHERN FM NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £5,000 added 2m 5f 350-SUPER RAPER (199) (C) G Hubbert 8 *2 0 ... C Honors (7) 50-49: VERDE LURA (14) (C) D) R Symb 5 *11 LM: R Formats (7) S 60-69: PROC OF KASHARR (14) (D) P Hobbs 8 *10 9 ... O Tomory B PROCO MARRIE CITY (140) M Pitron 5 *10 8 ... R Partest 529-4 GOLDEN SANANNAH (190) H R Michael 6 *10 Sophie Indicated 0.959-RADICAL REFORM (270) N Meson 9 *10 0 ... D Galleging 0.959-RADICAL REFORM (270) N Meson 9 *10 0 ... B Pownet V 4000 LORD (1071) R Best 8 *10 0 ... G F Ryam (5) 0.0590-NBSTER CHEPS (107) J Nog 7 *10 0 ... T J Integrity P-0720 HEMERO (12) R Buckler 8 *10 0 ... D O'Solliven (7) -- 10 declared --

FORM VERDICT

SUPER RAPHER was in good form at the end of last season and, despite a rise in the weights since then and the fact that he ladds a recent run, he is fancied to resume where he left of L Domeston Boyo may give him most to do.

4.20 NORTHWEST AIRLINES USA NOVICE HURDLE (E) £3,000 added 3YO 2m 1f BATYACK (F28) D Gandolo 10 10 S Wytone 2 CHARITO (12) P Hobbs 10 10 B Powell DOCKLAND DISCUTIVE (F61) B Holdesh 10 10 W Manston RALKSHARERG (FR) (F13) B Parces 10 10 B Ciliforni

PS GOLDENACRES (14) M Magnetige 10 10. ___ D Creech (7)
GREEN JACKET (F5) R O'Balvan 10 10. ___ C Liverblyn
G LAUREN'S LAD (5) B Liverbyn 10 10. ___ C Skelly (5)
SARATOGA SAGA (FS) P S McGreeo 10 10. ___ D Cadegior
H SOUTHERNIES GEORGE (12) W G M Tener 10 10, IR Namengh
3 ZURYAF (14) B Dow 10 10. ____ A Magnetic B
AFTER DAWN (F27) Ms N Drutter 10 5. ____ P Holley
LENGT GORDEN (F27) Ms N Drutter 10 5. ____ P Holley 2 MSS OFF-SM (FI) (19) M Pipe 10 8. ______ P Notey
12 2 MSS OFF-SM (FI) (19) M Pipe 10 8. _____ A P McCoy
12 declared =
BETTING: 7-4 Mise Orphan, 7-2 Charillo, 4-1 Zuryal, 10-1 After Desc,
12-1 Bayyal, Green Inclost, 14-1 Fallomberg, 20-1 others

FDRM VERDICT MISS ORPHAN dame up against 8 fair sort in Neverne Sens-som at Wordeskir last month and the form of that race was frenked when fourth-placed Up The Clarets won at Bangor on Seturday. The Pipe Rity gets a confident vote.

4.50 SOUTHERN FM LISTENERS HANDI-CAP HURDLE (D) 24,000 added 2m 4f 23G-1 SHERTE (49) (0) J His 7 ii ii _______ C Linerallys 47st. SPERT UP (79) (139) (0) M Poe 4 ii 7 _____ A P McCoy B 2504- PEALINSS (128) (0) G Mutherd 8 ii 6 ____ Michael Brancher 400- 4 CANTON VERTURE (28) (CD) S Woods 8 ii 4 ___ P Hide 600- 4 CRIMERAR (89) (D) (87) M Person 5 ii 0 ____ R Franch 2503- HAL HOO VAROOM (F87) (C) J Jarkets 8 ii 0 ___ A Magaine

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- 7 declared Minimum unique for. Tout I nue tendocup weight: Ruth's Genthle 7et 136.
BETTHER: 3-1 Sheeff, 7-2 Sprint Up, Chalco Venture, 5-1 Peoplegs, 11-2
Circultur, 8-1 Ha! Hoe Venture, 33-1 Ruth's Genthle

CANTON VENTURE will hopefully have underfoot conditions more to his living here and is taken to follow leat year's win in this race. Sprint Up is still a bit of an unknown quantity. but should have come on over the summer and could prove

Unsung band take sparkling plaudits: 1016

IF ANY music agent had an eye on forming a new boy band, the five members of the England gymnastics team would be prime candidates for in Kuala Lumpur audition. There is the blond, cheeky one, the gingery one, the one with the Wigan accent and the strong, silent one. Take That with gold

There is even a twin, Andrew Atherton, whose identical brother Kevin suffered a had knee injury three weeks before the Commonwealth Games and had to make do with an armchair view in front of the television back home in Shropshire. The injury deprived the team of their jury and that he would miss the

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

national champion and the Athertons of a unique place in sporting history. No other set of identical twins

they have been known to hand in each other's homework - has competed in the Commonwealth Games. When his brother dislocated his knee in a warm-up competition in Denmark, Andrew was next to vault.

for Kevin" and I suppose I did, but I did it for myself as well." To add to the problems, Lee Mc-He withdrew because he felt so knee injury and had to land his vaults sick. "You could see it was a bad inone legged. England's answer to

easily have been two, but the moti-

vational force of the absentee pro-

pelled this unsung band to heights

only their team coach, Colin Leigh,

believed were possible. "All through

the competition I was reminded of

the fact that Kevin should have

been here," Andrew said. "All the

good luck cards we had said "do it

Games, right there," he recalled. Kerri Strug the all-American hero-One gold in the family could so ine in Atlanta.

Nothing, though, was wrong with the spirit. The morale of the Australians was undermined by the classic psychological sting. As de-fending champions and clear favourites, they believed gold was there for the taking. "You could see they thought they'd won it before the start." said Craig Heap. "They didn't recognise who we were, they must have thought we were a bunch of juniors and they were watching us Dermott was also suffering from a through the competition, which just

made it worse for them." The rotation of events favoured

a late Australian rally on the floor. the weakest discipline for the new Commonwealth champions, Where England were rock solid on the high-bars, the Australians slowly began to play their role as fall guys. Their floor exercise was a shambles; the pommei not much better. By his own admission. Heap's own finale on the floor was not his best, but it was

"My legs were just giving way. I'd what to do and I should have been looking after myself." If there was

strongly, stayed ahead and resisted Heap's nerves and Brewer's dodgy mathematics, there was none in the stand. The screams of their teammates confirmed the gold ahead of the scoreboard, by a margin of 0.125 points, a short head to you and me.

Satisfaction for the vanquished stemmed from the performance of Andrei Kratsov, Russian-born but qualified for Australia under the 18month residency rule, whose 9.55 on the parallel bars was the highest score of an emotional night in the spent the whole time telling the rest Putra Stadium. Revenge could come start today, though Jon Mutch of to make the golden grade.

the England team, who started confusion on the floor, courtesy of Scotland can lift the profile of home countries' gymnastics a notch kigher by taking overall gold.

For a moment last night, it seemed the harmony of the men's team would inspire the women to complete a famous double. Less than a point separated Australian gold from English silver But the gold medal which finally sets the twins apart is the harsher separation.

Annika Reeder, the 18-year-old Essex girl who won individual gold four years ago, led the way as Lisa Putra Stadium. Revenge could come swiftly in the individual events which Cuff and Melissa Wilcox just failed

Agony then ecstasy for Hickman

AUSTRALIA SET a world record in the $4 \times 200 m$ freestyle team and England won another three silver By JAMES PARRACK medals before another boisterous in Kuala Lumpur

A truly memorable night began in high drama when James Hickman was disqualified for a false start in the 100m butterfly. It was an event in which he would have won a medal and half an hour later he used his anger to take two seconds off his British record in the 400m individual medley to win silver.

In the race of the Games so far and amid the deafening noise, Hickman and Australian Trent Steed jockeyed for the lead. After seven of the eight lengths, Steed was ahead by over a second hut Hickman was not finished. Catching up with every stroke, the two men battled to the

In a desperate lunge for the wall, Steed held on to win by just 0.3 secs. Hickman had mixed emotions, "I didn't deserve the disqualification. he said. "I heard something behind point crying about it because I had another race to focus on. I'm disappointed because I could have won a medal but I'm very pleased with the silver in my first-ever international

The disqualification by the referee from Singapore, Tan Eng Chai for a "deliberate false start" was a preposterous one. The rule is that if the ks a taise start is deild erate and that the swimmer has un- England took the silver and know the necessarily delayed the start they size of task in front of them if they can be disqualified.

But if officialdom delays the start, gold in Sydney in the Year 2000.

as they did for 45 minutes before the heats this morning, then that is fine. But it will not tolerate an extra two minutes for a false start in a final. There was much boo-ing from the crowd, and rightly so.

Without Hickman, the Australians swept the medals. Geoff Huegil took gold with the world champion and world record holder Michael Klim finishing a surprising third.

Karen Pickering bounced back from yesterday's disappointment to win her second silver of these games in the 200m freestyle. Swimming from Lane One, Pickering led from the front, finally succumbing to Australia's Susan O'Neill at the final turn. But in a gutsy swim, Pickering relied on her experience to hold on pick myself up after yesterday's 100m. My coach and team-mates did me, click, and I went. There's no a great job getting me focussed again. They didn't give me sympa-thy, they just said "come on, get a grip. Move on."

The Australians finally broke the world record in the 2 x 200m freestyle over a year. The latest Australian swimming sensation, 15-year-old Ian champion Michael Klim brought are to challenge the Australians for



for the silver medal. "It was hard to Australia's Maxine Nable on her way to winning the gold medal in the women's doubles tenpin bowling with her partner, Cara Honeychurch

Malays strike out for first gold

team that they had been chasing for BEING A Royal in these days of social change required adaptability. Yesterday it fell to Prince Edward to Thorpe led the team off and world strengthen Commonwealth ties by visiting the tenpin bowling compeas it gut w way Lagoon Shopping Centre.

So it was that his Royal Highness arrived at the vast Faux-Egyptian edifice that now stands in this city suburb, its entrance dominated by the sandstone sculpture of a hon which monumentally bestrides a

Under the impassive gaze of the

eight-tomb figures fixed around the arcade's central well, he made his way past the Sesame Street children's entertainment area - where Big Bird was singing to loitering shoppers - past the Sports Boutik, British Home Stores, Kedai golf shop, the James Dean and B.U.M. fashion outlets, past KFC Chicken, past the Sony Power Station music shop, past the life-size hanging down in the fourth game before model of a space ship, complete with floating astronaut. Past the Kenny Rogers roasters restaurant.

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terson 30-6. S71g; A Alex (Sco) bt N D Niller (Ken)

10-8: S Bell (Eng) bt Sald Omary (En) 14-8: K Adam (Uga) bt W Commors (Mill) ns 3er; D Leary (Mi) bt L Magney (Hersey) ho Ist: A Archar (Sco) bt M Sanoot (Ant) rsf Stir. K Adam (Uga) bt S Bell (Eng) 13-9.

O key: E Nakamano (SA) bt A MacDalae (Sco) rsf Art: C Hall (Ma) bt M Noop (Les) 13-6. 63. Sing H Monning (Sa) bt O Powell (Ma) net Art: N Wright (Eng) bt A Kanis (Malay) 15-5. 671g; D Wallaer (Eng) bt A Kanis (Malay) 15-5. 671g; D Wallaer (Eng) bt R A Rassid (Raid 18-14. Ower B1tg; A Moroyo (Gha) bt M Plynn (Wal) rsf 2md.

TENPIN BOWLING BY MIKE ROWBOTTOM

in Kuala Lumpur

Unless you are an aficionado of the sport, it is one which has limited appeal for the spectator. To paraphrase the comment of West Bromwich Albion footballer John Trewick upon visiting the Great Wall of China - seen

one strike, seen them all. As he strolled from the venue. tugging at the sleeves of his blazer, his Royal Highness was asked if he had enjoyed what he had witnessed. "Very much," he said. "Thank you." He sounded like a boy trying to be grateful to his headmaster for can-

But If the experience was faintly bermising for Prince Edward, for the Malaysians it was one of almost unalloyed joy as their doubles' pairing of Kenny Ang and Ben Heng earned the home country their first gold minton, squash and bockey in na-

rowdy celebration. Malaysia's day would have been perfect if its women's pair of Kin Ngoh Lai and Zulkifli Shalin, already regarded as a national treasure at the age of 20, could have won as well. However, they found the Australian favourites, Cara Honeychurch and Maxine Nable, too strong for them in a competition where the bronze medal went to the English pairing of Pauline Buck and Gemma Burden

Prince Edward was not the only guest of honour - the Malaysian Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, watched Ang and Heng respond to the incessant chanting of "Malaya Boleh!" -"Malaya you can!" – to maintain a comfortable margin of victory over Bermuda and Australia.

RUGBY UNION

SHOOTING

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Rochon, J Huot (Car) 1.080, Pairs trage; 1 M Singh,
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190; 3 1 Peel, R Borsley (Eng) 189; 4 E Birkeet,
R Dayles (Wal) 186; 6 T Hernic, D Evens (M) 184.
WOOMERN Pairs sport rifle promer 1 C Culgley,
K Frazer (Aus) 1.174pts: 2 C Asheroft, M Spinney
(Can) 1.172; 3 5 McIntosh, 5 Bell (Sco) 1.170; 6
D Breikle, J Majeolm (Mai) 1,167; 7 5 Norman, 5

The Malaysian national anthem

In a city where shopping ranks with bowling in terms of popularity, it was fitting that this newest of Commonwealth sports should be housed in something that resembled Lakeside with a Las Vegas flourish.

The Americanism on view went a little further. Every bowlers' effort of any merit was followed by an extended ritual of high-fives and partner patting. At first glance, an astonishing number of the competitors appeared to have artificial hands - but these turned out to be wrist supports. For the congratulations presumably.

Standing on a chair to get a better view of the medal ceremony, the Malaysian coach was a patently proud man. And, with a name like Sid Allen, a patently non-Malaysian

He had taken a roundabout route

The host's decision to introduce was very thoroughly sung by the ma- to his current job-born in Romford, a sport which ranks only below bad- jority of those present as the flag Essex, he emigrated to Canada at 16 rose at the end of the 48-lane alley and played and coached there before tional esteem was vindicated by a alongside a placard for Lang Homes taking up his current post eight performance which gave a sell-out (only from L and G property com- years ago. His nationality now is mixture," he said. "But I still support ... Luton Town, so I guess there's a bit

of England in me." Meanwhile the more definitively English citizens standing on the podium were staring thoughtfully at the cuddly toy orang-utans - versions of the Games mascot, Wira which they had received along with their bronze medals. "Smile!" one of the England officials shouted as the cameras began to flash.

There was every reason for Buck and Burden to smile, given that this was only their second competitive outing as a pair, and that the latter, a 20-year-old from Weston-super-Mare - was suffering from "flu."

"We boped for a medal, but we were not counting on it," Burden said. "The Australians were a different class, but there were six other teams who were very good.

England No 1 with a bullet

the shooting competition on Langwaki Island yesterday. Nigel Wallace and Chris Hector won the pairs men's air rifle and Nick Baxter and Michael Gault, who are banned from practising at home because of Britain's gun laws, claimed a second gold in the men's pairs free pistol.

Wallace and Hector won with 1.173 points and the Scottish pair David Rattray and Robin Law took the bronze medal with 1,163.

Baxter and Gault's winning total was 1093. "We have to train in Europe because the free pistol is hanned in England," Baxter said, "All our hard work for the last six months has paid off today.

Wallace and Hector went one better than four years ago in Victoria, when they picked up a silver

England's rugby sevens team survived a near-upset to scrape into the quarter-finals via the back door. Chris Sheasby's team knew they had Western Samoans, but they rallied well, hammering Trinidad and Tobago 50-7. Wales also progressed as the other best-placed runner-up thanks to a 62-0 victory over the lowly-rated Cayman Islands. Wales had earlier lost 45-7 to Canada. England now face Australia while

Wales meet the All Blacks. In the bowls competition, the world champion, Tony Allcock of England made a winning start, easily disposing of David Marquand of Jersey 25-15 in pool A. With Scotland's Willie Wood, the 1982 gold medallist, and Rowan Brassey of New Zealand both losing their first 295 for five before restricting Northgames, Allcock is favourite to take

Wood, who lost 25-24 to the former world indoor champion John Price Dagainst Pakistan. of Wales in a quality match on Saturday, had a bye vesterday while the Welshman made it two in a row with a 25-14 victory over Ahmad Sanip of Brunei

David Evans, the Welsh squash

ENGLAND STRUCK double gold in the quarter-finals by bringing down world No 5, Simon Parke of England. Evans had to make a remarkable

recovery to achieve it, coming from within four points of defeat at 1-5 winning 9-4, 0-9, 2-9, 9-5, 9-1. He now plays Jonathon Power, the secondseeded Canadian.

The world No 1, Peter Nicol of Scotland, came through comfortably, overcoming Canadian No 2 Graham Ryding 9-4, 9-4, 9-1.

One of the most explosive fights of the boxing tournament is likely to be played out in front of only a few dozen spectators. The first few days of action at the cavernous Shah Alam stadium, which holds 12.000 spectators, have drawn crowds of around 200, mostly supporters and family of the boxers.

England's super-heavyweight Audley Harrison, eighth in the world amateur rankings, has been drawn to fight the world No 3, Faii Falamoe of New Zealand, on Wednesday a problem after a 19-12 defeat by the in what is expected to be an elimi nator for the gold medal.

Meanwhile, Jersey's Lee Meager lost his flyweight bout without much ado, when Northern Ireland's David lowry knocked him out after eight seconds:

Northern Ireland and Scotland were on the receiving end from Barbados and New Zealand in the cricket competition. The Irish went down by 176 runs against Barbados and the Scots suffered a 177-run loss against New Zealand.

Skipper Philo Wallace (92) and Sherwin Campbell (60) put on 144 for the first wicket as Barbados posted ern Ireland to 120 for 7. New Zealand's victory over the Scots set up a semi-final decider from group

The Kiwis recovered from a shaky 39 for 2 to score an impressive 278 for 6 and then shot out Scotland for 101 in the 43rd over. The world champions, Sri Lanka, will meet Zimbabwe for a semi-final herth No 2, pulled off the first big surprise from group A, while India and Ausof the tournament when he reached tralia meet in group B.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES RESULTS

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6:32:27; 21 Villin (Ma); 22:1 Tanier (Eng) at same time; 24:0 Esson (MI) 4:33:46; 37 A Roche (loky)
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TOMORROW

TODAY'S SCHEDULE AND TV COVERAGE Sminary bouts. Crickee (inc Northern Ireland vi Bangladesh, Scotland v Keriya), Cycling Individ-ual bine trials. Hockey (inc men's Malaysia v Eng-land, women's England v Canada, Wales v Sri Lanka, Scotland v Malaysia, Bourls, Nechall (in South Africa v Wales, Jamaica v England, Shoot-hig, Separash (semi-finais). Tempin bowling Sin-rials or subhates.

TELEVISION

BBC1 7.0-9.0am BBC2 9.0-11.0am, BBC1 11.0am-1.0pm BBC2 1.0-2.10pm, BBC1 2.25-3.25pm, BBC2 6.2-8.0pm, TOMOGRADUM BBC1 1.50-6.0am, 7.0-9.0am, BBC2 9.0-11.0am, BBC1 11.0am-1.0pm, BBC2 1.0-2.10pm, 2.25-3.25pm, 6.25-8.0pm.

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TENPIN BOWLING

Kenyans shot down by Sharpe

BY BILL COLWILL

in Kuala Lumpur

THE HEROICS of Cannock striker Ben Sharpe boosted England's chances of a place in the semi-final. England beat a determined Kenya side 3-1, with Sharpe scoring one goal and setting up another.

He was injured diving in at the far. post in the first half – one of eight missed chances after penalty corners but returned within a minute of halftime with his mouth stitched and immediately scored. England stretched the advantage to 2-0 after Russell Garcia won a penalty corner in the second half and converted himself.

Kenya pulled a goal back in the 64th minute through Simon Oders. but England added a third when Sharpe set up Jimmy Wallis.

England women's coach Maggie Souyave watched her team romp to an 8-0 victory over Namibia and thes hit out at her side for failing to make the most of their chances. Souyave admitted that some of-

her senior players had failed to per-form. "We all knew how critical it was to convert as many chances as possible to match New Zealand's impressive 15-1 win against the inexperienced Namibians," Souveve said. "I hope it won't prove costly but. it is nonetheless disappointing."

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Les media

Audits Rovers' left wing route to success

The state of the s IF BRADFORD or London need any inspiration to carry them Section 1 through the latter stages of Company of the second s the Super League season they should look no further than The state of the s Featherstone Rovers of the First Division.

five almost as an afterthought missed his tackle on Brendan Featherstone are now one game away from the Grand full-back, Matthew Bramald, Final, although they had to come through a desperately tense elimination semi-final at Dewsbury yesterday.

Rovers did not ensure that they would progress until Carl Hall went over in injury time for their fourth try, but they had always been marginally the more dangerous side, their ace and mobility just giving em the edge over a bigger Dewsbury team.

They had a shock, however. when a match delayed by 10 minutes to allow the crowd to Coventry had held down get into the ground finally got Damien Ball but before half-time

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY DAVE HADFIELD

Dewsbury Featherstone Rovers

Williams and the Dewsbury was there in support the claim the game's first try after only two minutes with Barry Eaton

adding the goal. Baker went along way towards making up for that error when he made the break that led to the scores being levelled. He surged down the wing and found the supporting Karl Pratt. with an inside pass, Ty Fallins this time contributing the

Conversion. Eaton put Dewsbury back in front with a penalty after Jamie

Featherstone again found their stone tried to kill off stubborn way outside the home defence. It was Richard Slater's fine pass this time that released Pratt, although he had to get around Bramald to reach the try line.

After scraping into the top under way. Danny Baker achieved that, with a body swerve and a change of pace, again underlined why he is such a sought-after young

> Another of Featherstone's promising young prospects Neil Lowe, did the groundwork for their third try early in the second-half. It was assuming the proportions of a left-wing conspiracy, because it was again down that flank that he made inroads before slipping his pass to Rover's substitute. Paddy Handley.

Pratt almost had a hat-trick from Fallins's high kick and Fallins himself twice missed with drop-goal attempts from in

opponents.

Eaton brought Dewsbury a little closer with a penalty given for offside after the ball had run loose from a tackle, but they could make no further

progress Indeed, Featherstone had a couple of chances to clinch the result and had a touchdown from Steve Collins disallowed for a double movement.

They would have felt thoroughly aggrieved if they had let it slip at that late stage, but Hall a try ended that possibility and kept a season that seemed to be over a couple of months ago still very much alive.

Denesbury: Bramaid; Flynn, B Williams, Elland. Balley: Agar, Eaton; Long. O'Donnell, Boothroyd, Spink, Ball, Delancy. Sarbstikusts used: Wood, 5 Williams, Patterson, Jowitt. Featherstoese: Collins; Hall, Irwin, Daloe, Pratt; Coventry, Sallins; Jackson, Chapman, Dickins, Price, Lowe, Slater, Substitutes used: Handley, Amone, Clarkson, Dooler.



LEEDS made virtually certain of man Danny Russell scored a dendived over for his second as Garen Casey gave Wakefield second place in Super League gem of a solo try before Matt. Huddersfield suffered yet an enough of a cushion to reach the after a 13-try demolition of Hud-

A win against Hull Sharks next weekend will secure the Rhinos' second spot - but with the points difference already ac-

Halifax will overhaul them. The game was over as a conan in seven tries. It was all too easy as Leroy Rivett and Richie Blackmore both crossed for past the half-century. doubles and Barrie McDermott, Adrian Morley and Brad Godden

also registered tries.

ATHLETICS

Sturm capitalised on Francis Cummins' fumble and gleefully dived beneath the posts.

With Iestyn Harris having an exceptional day with the boot - six from seven kicks in the cumulated it is unthinkable that opening period - the half-time score was 12-40.

With 50 minutes gone Harris est by half-time as the Rhinos scored his first try and kicked the conversion. Moments later Graham Holroyd took Leeds

Paul Cook, sponsored by a local bakery, restored some home pride with a burst from At least Huddersfield did not halfway that left Harris for dead totally roll-over and their best in a race to the corner But God-

other fatal hesitation in defence with 10 minutes to go.

There was still time for Kevin Sinfield to dive over for Leeds' 12th try of the afternoon and Terry Newton crossed for the 13th with seconds left.

Harris converted his 10th kick from 13 attempts, leaving Leeds six points short of a Super League record score. Even so it was a record away points victory, Harris, with a match total of 24 points, was only four points short of the individual points record for a

A 65th-minute drop goal from

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inaugural First Division Grand Final later this month.

Roh Danby caused a few flutters for Trinity when his 77th-minute try for Hull KR cut the gap to three points but Wakefield held on to win 19-16.

Wakefield's victory means they move into the Division One Grand Final at the McAlpine Stadium on 26 September, earning themselves a week off, while Hull KR's defeat sees them entertain Featherstone at New Craven Park.

The winner of this match will face Wakefield in the final at Huddersfield.



The Spanish cyclist Abraham Olano pedals to victory in yesterday's time trial in the Tour of Spain. Olano also

WORLD CUP [Johannesburg, SA]: Men: 200as: 1 F Fredericks [Atr) 19.97; 2 G Bradey (US) 20.38; 3 T Douglas (En.) 20.40. GB: 5 D 7urner 20.51, 400as: 1 Meat 200ast 1 Firedericks (AT) 19.97; 26 Bradey (US) 20.88; 3 TO pugas (Eur) 20.40. GB: 5 D 7arroer 20.51. 400ast 1 I Thomas (GB: 5 D 7arroer 20.51. 400ast 1 I Thomas (GB: 5 D 7arroer 20.51. 400ast 1 I Thomas (GB: 5 Tillakarsne (Asia) 46.70; 7 D Dwyer (Oceania) 46.99; 6 5 Letzelter (Ger) 47.12. 1500ast 1 L Rotich (AT) 3min 40.87sec; 2 R Sibs (Eur) 3:40.95; 3 A Whiteman (GB) 3:40.99; 4 M 1 Jalman (Asia) 3:46.9; 5 H Christensen (Sec) 3:7 J Pyrah (US) 3:52.10.85 Again (Are) 3:57.36. 3,000ant 1 D Baumann (Eur) 7:56.24; 2 I Victosa (Eur) 7:56.47; 3 T Nyaniki (Arr) 7:59.46. GB: 7 N Caddy 8:16.81. 110an hardest 1 F Baizer (Eur) 13:10sec; 2 C Jackson (GB) 13.11; 3 A Garcia (Anre) 13.14. 3,000as steeplechases: 1 D Kalisbis (Ger) 8:31; 3 Saad Al-Asmarl (Asia) 8:39,69; 4 A Lambruschini. (Eur) 8:54.10; 5 C Stephenson (GB) 8:55.67; 6 Wander do Prado Moura (Ame) 8:59.06; 7 P Dobert (US) 9:08.36. 8 S Thurston (Oceania) 8:39.35. 4x400as relarge 1 G Ritalia 38.09sec; 2 U S 38.25; 3 Arrica 38.25; 4 Americas 2:59.77. High lempt 1 C Austin (US) 2:59.77. A Thursel (Ame) 17.21; 5 A Onvisu (Arr) 17.21; 5 C Great Britain 2:59.77. A Drose (Arre) 7:32; 7 C Duan (Asia) 14.09. Pole wantin 1 M Jores (US) 3:50. S R Botha (Arre) 17.21; 5 C Duan (Asia) 14.09. Pole wantin 1 M Jores (US) 5:00. Discount (Arre) 17.20; 6 A Murphy (Oceania) 16:00. S J P Hirusevich (Asia) 3:00 are 1 J A J Dodonia (US) 5:00. Discount (GB) 7:20 G B Discount (GB) 7:00 G B . ::::46 - 25 Ma

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Match 3

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67.07m; 2 N Grasu (Eur) 66.25; 3 N Sadova (Rus) 64.38, Standings (after 12 weatts): 1 US 69; 2 Europe 68; 3 Africa 64; 4 Russia 64; 5 Americas 64; 6 Germany 43; 7 Oceania 29; 6 Asia 27.

AUSTRALIAN RULES AFL play-off matches: Melbourne 15.17 (107) bt 5t Kilda 7.14 (56) (Mel-bourne odvances to 18. Sept Semi-final against North Melbourne); Adetaide 14.10 (94) bt Sydney Swans 10.7 (57) (Adelaide odvances to 19 Sept semi-final ogainst Western Bulldogs), Semi-final vinners play in grand final 26 Septem-ber.

BASEBALL

BASKETBALL

BOXING PROFESSIONAL PROMOTION (Bethaal Green, London): 12-rd European lightweight title: 8 Schw-er (Luton, holder) bt M Fernandes (Fr)

CRICKET

9 In their allotted 50 overs, India put on 91 for the first wicket and nev-er looked back. Navjot Sidhu (45) and Mohammed Azharuddin (28) and Monammed Aziarubour (20) joined Ganguly in stroking the ball to all corners of the field with abandon. India, playing without Sachin Tendulkar, cruised to victory with

BASE BALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE (Friday): Senttie 6 Kansas 3 (First game); Kansas City
8 Seattle 5 (Second game); Boston 6
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Cleveland 4 Chicago White Sox 6;
Boston 2 Detroit 3; New York Yankees
3 Toronto 5; Tampa Bay 2 Texas 8;
Kansas City 5 Seattle 2; Minnesota 5
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Rainsforth (Preston) 21-17: M Evans
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(Ashton-under-Lyme) 21-15: A Daykin
(Melcham) bit G Cunningham (Haligner
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(Barrow) bit A Ward (Poulton) 21-10: I
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India beat Pakistan by six wickets on Saturday in the first game of the five-match Sahara Cup series. (India's Saurav Ganguly was named man of the match after scoring an unbeat-en 54 and taking three wickets for 33 runs. After Pakistan scored 189-

SPORTING DIGEST

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INTERNATIONAL THREE-DAY

EVERNTE I Rainbow Magic (P Furnell,
GB) 45.8 penalties; 2 King Leo (A
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Fredericks, GB) 48.6: 4 The Gangater The
Second (K Gilford, GB) 49.2; 5 Westlord (P Clark, GB) 50: 6 Pachinder (8
Wright Morris, US) 51.2: Final results:
1 Westlord (P Clark, GB) 50.0: 2
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3 The Gangater II (K Gilford, GB) 54.2:
4 Dallance (L Fredericks, GB) 54.6: 5
Rainbow Magic (P Punnell, GB) 52: 6
Simple Solution (S Longstaw, GB) 56.6.

SPRUCE MEADOWS MASTERS (Calgary, Canada): Bank of Mootreal SPRINCE MEADOWS MASTERS (Cat-gary, Canada): Bank of Montreal Mations Cop: 1 Germany 8 faults; 2 United States 12; 3 Switzerland 17; 4 Canada 21; 3 The Netherlans 28; 6 Great Britain 38.5, GB scores: Virtual Vil-lage Hopes are High (N Shelbon) ellmi-nated, 4.25 faults; Virtual Village It's Otto (G Billington), clear; Virtual Village Twostep 22.25, 8.25; Wirtual Village Hey-man (J Whitalaer) 8.4.

man (J Whitaker) 8,4. GOLF

Scodand's Sandy Lyle hit a third round six-under-par 66 at the Canadian Open in Ontario to leave him seven shots off the lead in joint 10th place going into the final day. Bob Friend moved closer to his first career PGA Tour win as he shot a four-under-par 68 and built his lead to two shots after day three. Friend began the day with a one-stroke lead over Bifly Andrade and used an eagle to overcome a rough start. moving to 12-under 204.

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ACU PORMULA 2 SIDECAR ROAD
RACE CHAMPHONSHIP [Darley Moor]
Round St 1 G Horspole/K Leigh (Honda)
14min 48.26sec (average speed
85.11mph); 2 A Schoffeld/J Beckworth
(Yamaha) 14:54.53; 3 T Hanks/S Wilson
(Yamaha) 15:00.75. Flastnet lagar Hanks/Wilson 1:01.99 [ane speed 87.11mph).
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85.28mph), 2 A Schoffeld/J Beckworth
(Yamaha) 15:51.00, 3 G Horspole/K
Leigh, (Honda) 15:51.4, Flastnat lagar A
Schoffeld/J Beckworth 1:01.99sec [average speed 87.11mph). Championship
standings: 1 Horspole & Leigh 240pts.
2 Hanks/Wilson 232, 3 Schoffeld & Beckworth 173.
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worth 173, Böll, Dröte 24siff NacCE (Le Cascellet, Pr): 1 T Rymer/B Morrison (GB)/JE Gomez (Fr) Suzsid 666 laps; 2 a Bonhul/E MahlyA Van Den Bossche (Fr) Suzsid 143 laps; 3 C Lawleitle (Fr)/D Polen (LS)/W Costes (Fr) Horacis +7; 4 J P Jeandar (Fr)/M Lucchismi (kt)/P Ribe (Sp) Honda +12; 3 S Gabricil/P Thomas/D Crassous (Fr) Varnaha +24; 6 E Therbetter/P Leblanc/J L Buffard (Fr) Kawasaki 40; 7 8 Sampaon (GB)/W Nowland (Aus)/T Rees (NZ) Suzuid 42; 8 D Ulmaon /C Haquin /E Maebon (France) Kawasaki 45.

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WORLD CHAMPHONSHIPS (Cologne, Ger): Men: Lightweelight single scules: 15 Basalini (It) 6min 48.90sct; 2 M Vabrousek (Cx kep) 6:50.98; 3 K Nictsen (Den) 6:51.52; 4 H Karrash (Aus) 6:53.92; 5 P Haining (68) 6:55.74; 6 J Mortiner (US) 7:03.89. Coned pairs: 1 Australia 6:45.01; 2 Italy 8:47.71; 3 USA 6:50.06; 4 Germany 6:50.22; 5 Argentina 6:53.60; 6 Greece 8:55.99. Lightweelight elights: 1 Germany 6:50.22; 5 Argentina 6:53.60; 6 Greece 8:55.99. Lightweelight elights: 1 Germany 5:42.23; 5 Spain 5:42.46; 6 Switzerland 5:47.71; 3lingle sculls: 1 R Waddelt (N2) 6:39.65; 2 K Mueller (Swit) 6:41.55; 3 V Chalupa (Cz Rep) 6:43.89; 4 l Cop (Slowak) 6:48.38; 5 G Searle (G8) 6:51.82; 6 A Rorahim [Eg) 7:01.44. Condess pairs: 1 Germany 6:22.32; 2 Australia 6:24.23; 3 Vugoslavia 6:25.52; 4 United States 6:25.55; 3 France 6:26.42; 6 Great Britain 5:48.06 (J Crachnelt; 5 Redgrave; T Foster; M Pinsent); 2 France 5:49.44; 3 Italy 5:49.46; A Australia 5:48.63; 3 Romania 5:55.62; 6 Norway 6:00.47; Finalis: 1 Eghtweelight condess pair final; 1 France 6:40.53; 2 taly 6:41.75; 3 Chile 6:44.00. Lightweelight quadruple sculls final; 1 Italy 5:57.68; 2 Germany 5:58.59; 3 United States 6:02.74; 4 Ireland 6:04.87 (G Towey, D Byrne, N Byrne, N O'Toole). Cound four finali: 1 France 6:40.53; 2 taly 6:41.75; 3 Chile 6:19.11; 2 Italy 6:21.02; 3 Switzer-land 6:22.35. Lightweelight condess pairs floal; 1 Lidy 5:57.68; 2 Germany 5:58.59; 3 United States 6:02.74; 4 Ireland 6:04.87 (G Towey, D Byrne, N Byrne, N O'Toole). Cound four finali: 1 France 6:02.37; 3 Australia 5:09.43; 4 Great Britain (J Machan; J Nitsch) 7:29.42; 2 Argentina 7:32.51; 3 USA 7:37.50; 4 Germany 7:52.45; Lightweelight condess pairs: 1 Great Britain (J Machan; J Nitsch) 7:29.42; 2 Argentina 7:32.51; 3 USA 7:37.50; 4 Germany 7:52.52; 1 USA 7:37.50; 4 Germany 7:52.53; 4 Lightweelight single scullis: 1 P Vogel (Swfl) 7:44.01; 2 B Luzuy (F1) 7:42.01; 3 J Gartsoan (Arg) 7:44.40; 7:37.50: 4 Germany 7:52.45. Light-weight single sculls: 1 P Vogel (Swft) 7:41.01: 2 8 Luzuy (Fr) 7:42.01: 3 J Gartsoath (Arg) 7:44.40; 4 T Duncan (Can) 7:44.79; 3 M Rajla (Croa) 7:53.44. Cextess Fours: 1 Ukraine 6:30.63: 2 Canada 6:31.90; 3 Nettertands 6:32.73: 4 Relatives

Okraine 6:30.63; 2 Canada 6:31.90; 3 Netherlands 6:32.73; 4 Belarus 6:35.13; 5 Romania 6:37.02; 6 Ger-many 6:40.73. Slingle sculls: 1 | Fedorova (Rus) 7:25.09; 2 K Rutschow (Ger) 7:25.09; 3 M Brandin (Swe) 7:30.99; 4 R Nejkova (Bul) 7:33.84; 3 T Hansen (Den) 7:37.29; TODAY'S NUMBER 100,000,000

The estimated size of the television audience for the opening ceremony at the

Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur on Friday,

2 Netherlands 6/49,775; 3 Nomanis 6:50.49; 4 United States 6:53.80; 5 France 6:58.17; 6 China 7:00.21. Finals: Lightweight quadruple scutts final: 1 Germany 6min 40.99sec; 2 United States 6:42.97; 3 Greece 6:43.27; 6 Great Britain 6:51.53 (S Birch, J Nitsch, T Rooks, R Morris). Lightweight doubts scutts. 6:51.53 (S Birch, J NitSch, 1 Marie, 1) Morris), Lightweight double scalis final: 1 United States 7:03.73; 2 Ger-many 7:06.53; 3 Romana 7:09.45. Quadruple sculls final: 1 Germany 6:24.38; 2 Russia 6:26.66; 3 Australia 6:21:11 Fibrits Final: 1 Romania 6:32.11. Eights final: 1 Romania 6:14,62; 2 United States 6:15.81; 3

RUGBY LEAGUE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL LEAGUE Elimination semi-fluais: Canterbury 28 Newcastle 16: Brisbane 30 Melbourne

SPEEDWAY Glenn Cunningham, the England rid-er, survived a horrifying high speed crash yesterday to become the

new Premier League riders cham-pion. The Peterborough youngster, capped by England at senior level earlier this season, was one of three two others, Hull's Paul Thorp and Glasgow's Mick Powell were forced to withdraw from the championship, but Curningham bravely battled on and won a sudden death final to gain revenge for last year's defeat by Edinburgh's Peter Carr. A year ago Carr was first and Cunningham runner up but this time the 23-year-old gained his full revenge. It means that Peterborough have converged that the subserver is all three now provided the wirmers in all three major championships – and are just one point away from being crowned

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AUTUMM GRAND TOURMAMENT
(Takyo): Told bt Terao; Tokitsuumi bt
Akinoshu; Asanosho bt Kotolnazuma;
Wakanojo bt Asanoswaka; Ganyu bt
Hamanoshima; Tochinowaka bi Higonount; Gojoro bt Kalho: Mitaizumi bt
Kotonishiki: Kotoryu bt Tochinonada;
Wakanosato bt Kyolushuzan; Dejima
bt Angayama; Takatoshik bt Tamakasuga; Chiyotalkai bt Asahiyutaka;
Takanonami bt Minatofuli;
Musashimaru bt Kotonowaka;
Wakanohana bt Tochiazuma; Akebono bt Kalo; Takanohana bt
Musoyama.

TENNIS TENNIS
US OFEN (Flushing Mondows, New York!) Men's singles, semi-finals:
M Philippoussis (Aus) bt C MOYA (5p)
6-1 5-4 5-7 8-4: P RAFTER (Aus) bt
P SAMPRAS (US) 6-7 6-4 2-6 6-4 6-3.
Momen's singles, final: L DAVEN-PORT (US) bt M HINGS (Swit) 6-37-5.
Doubles final: S STOLLE (Aus)/C
SUK (CZ RCP) bt M KNOWLES (Boh)/D
NESTOR (Can) 4-6 7-6 6-2.
Woomen's doubles final: M HINGIS
(Swit), I NOUCTNA (CZ RCP) bt L DAV-ENPORT (US)/N ZVEREVA (Bela) 6-3
6-3.
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SCOTTISM CHAMPIONSHIPS
(Ediaburgh) Men's singles, sensifinals: J Andersen (Nor) bt K Flygt
(Swe) 6-4 6-4: T Nydahi (Swe) bt P
Fredriksson (Swe) 6-3 6-4. Final:
Nydahi bt Andersen 6-4 6-1.
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6-2.

WORLD WOMEN GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENT (Hong Kong): Brazili

RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

JJB SPORTS SUPER LEAGUE Huddersfield (12) 16, Leeds (40) 72. Huddershaid: Tries Cook, Russell, Sturm; Goals Cook, Weston, Leeds: Tries Blackmore 2, Godden 2, Rwett 2, Cummus, Harris, Holroyd, Me-Dermott, Morley, Newton, Sanfeld; Goals Harris 10, (5,762)

5t Helens (14) 32, Castleford (14) 32, St Helens Tries Martyn 2, Goldspink, Newlow, Pickwance, Goals: Long 6, Castleford: Tries Sampson 3, Majoney, Tallet, Vowles: Goals Davis 2, Ory 2, [5,887]

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FIRST DIVISION PLAY-OFFS

Demsbury (8) 10, Featherstone (10) 20, Demsbury: Try Bramald Goals Eaton 3, Featherstone: Tries

Wakefield (12) 19. Hull Kingston Rovers (6) 16. Wakefield: Tries Bostock 2. Holland: Goals Casey 3: Drop Casey. Hull KR: Tries Damby, Gene, R Smith: Goals M Fleicher 2. (3,290)



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Cardiff's followers vote with their feet

Saracens

JUST WHEN you hoped the talking heads of British rugby union might finally apply a few sticks of dynamite to the more bunged-up areas of the game's constipated body politic, they gave us another working party in-stead. Oh well. Perhaps this latest collection of unfashionable winter blazers will be the ones to break with cherished tradition and take the blindingly obvious as a starting point for their negotiations.

The solution to so many domestic ills was writ large in every corner of Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday as 10,021 spectators - precisely 1,821 more than attended the previous week's entire Welsh Premiership programme - filed into the famous old ground to give succour to the local refuseniks in their trial of strength

"The public have voted with their feet and they've made the strongest possible statement to the Welsh Rugby Union," pronounced Gareth Davies, a very bullish Cardiff chief executive. "They want a British · league, as do we all. I can only hope and pray that this occasion will accelerate the process."

Knowing the mindset currently in vogue amongst the game's governing classes, the success of Saturday's rebel venture will probably delay any agreement indefinitely. Childishly pathetic as it may sound, a respected full-time employee of the WRU was privately advised to steer clear of the Arms Park for fear of upsetting his superiors, while one Welsh committee wallah openly professed disgust at the decision of Graham Henry, the new £250,000-ayear national coach, to run an educated eye over Rob Howley, Leigh Davies and company as they pitted their wits against the knockout champions of England.



CHRIS HEWETT

To his eternal credit, Henry was having none of that nonsense. The mega-salaried saviour from All Black country booked himself a prime seat in the main stand and watched Cardiff inflict all manner of indignities on a Saracens outfit as close to full strength as made no difference,

No sooner had the final whistle blown than be was off down the M4 to watch Neath's officially sanctioned fixture with Bridgend, which was rather like taking in a Chas and Dave singalong after spending the afternoon in the company of the Three Tenors. Some you win, some you suf-

Henry could hardly have failed to take encouragement from the first part of his unevenly balanced doubleheader. Always a cussed outfit when the force is with them, Cardiff withstood some slick first-half assaults from the supremely dangerous Alain Penaud to reach the interval intact and then used the wind with sufficient intelligence to kill the game stone dead after the break. They were horribly outscrummaged, but their Little and Large loose-forward combination of Gregori Kacala and Dan Baugh cleaned up so efficiently that Howley was given all the space he craved and then some.

Full of snap and imagination at

Cardiff's Lee Davies is unceremoniously dumped by Saracens' Alain Penaud in their 'friendly' on Saturday bagged an opening try on 54 minutes more than train as you would for any father muttering something along the by getting a hand to Gavin Johnson's clearance before claiming the ball

Subsequent scores from Matthew Wintle and Simon Hill, the first of them impeccable in design and execution, added further shine to the 25 points registered by the right boot of Lee Jarvis, "Basically, we had our arses kicked," admitted Mark Evans, the Saracens director of rugby.

from the resulting breakdown and

taking the route one angle to the right

But-and here's the real question - were Sarries up for it? Did the Londoners take one look at the enormous Kacala and say "Bugger this for a day out, we've got a Premiership match next week"? Not according to the backroom staff, they

"Motivation and desire are not

game, prepare with your customary intensity in the 24 hours before the match and then go out there and commit yourselves physically," Evans said, "Believe me, it wasn't part of our plan to come down here and ship 40 points. We're bitterly disappointed."

His views were largely vindicated by the vigour of his side's approach in the early stages. They might have had the game topped and tailed by the break had Penaud capitalised on his own slithering genius late in the half, but after ghosting away from Jarvis on the Cardiff 22 the Frenchman found himself clattered by Liam Botham as he stretched for the line.

Botham collected a dislocated finger for his trouble and so extreme was his reaction to the pain that you scrum-half, the Welsb captain precise sciences, so you can't do any could almost hear his celebrated

lines of "bloody pansy", but in the context of the match Beefy Jnr could legitimately claim heroic status,

In the eyes of Davies and his hardpressed commercial staff, however, the real heroes were to be found in the stands and on the terraces. "How many supporters did Saracens bring down? Fifty? Sixty? That means we had very nearly 10,000 people from Wales in the ground and that is a big step forward," said the former international stand-off.

"When we played Bath in the Heineken Cup quarter-final here two seasons ago, we pulled in a 13,800 sell-out gate, but Bath brought 5,000 with them that day. Imagine what we could do with a British league where the big English teams were playing for points as well as principle.

"Had we decided to bow down to

the WRU and play in their Premiership again this season, we wouldn't be here at all this time next year. Fact.

Huw Evans

"Our backers will support us as long as there is a light at the end of the tunnel, but they won't support mediocrity. I'm not at all convinced that there is a genuine will to set up a British league with the right degree of club influence in its organisation and administration; in fact, this working party business smells of a political sop, another stalling exercise. But we live in hope. This, at least, was a special day."

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Scottish learn

harsh lessons

Rees injury presents a sting in tail for Wasps

BY DAVID LLEWELLYN...

Wasps 18 Swansea 28

WASPS' LUCK continues to deser them. The so-called friendly inglo-Welsh clash which neither the Welsh nor the English rugby unions care to sanction served up a cruel blow to the London side. Their fly-half and goal-kicker Gareth Rees was knocked out early in the second half and spent last night in bospital for tests and observation.

The Canadian captain, who led his country in the recent World Cup qualifying matches and has scored more than 550 points for Wasps in just over two seasons, will be out of action for at least three weeks after running into Swansea's Wales international back row forward Colin Charvis. As he went off on a stretcher any bopes Wasps had of winning went with him.

There was a major reshuffle of resources and positional switches which saw Scotland international wing Kenny Logan, who took over the goal-kicking duties like a veteran, landing a penalty and converting flanker Paul Volley's late try off the back of a scrum, moving to fullback. But as hard as they tried, the tactical nous and organisational skills of

Rees were sorely missed. There was plenty of evidence that this was anything but a friendly with tons of testosterone tanglings among the forwards to liven up a particularly poor first half. Referee David Price, who is not on the Welsh Rugby Union books, had his time taken up with talking and whistling rather than being able to concentrate on maintaining the flow of play.

A Logan try and Rees penalty had been countered by two penalties from fly-half Lee Davies before the interval, when Swansea were still getting their act together, but once the reigning Welsh League champions picked up the pace of the game they were away. They poured on every Wasps error (and the vere plenty of those throughoute and showed more enterprise and power, outscoring Wasps three tries to two.
Masps: West Logan, Volley, Conversions: Logan, Penalties: G Rets, Logan, Semester, West.

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Section 2

Wilkinson rescues struggling champions

NEWCASTLE HAVE yet to reveal the BY PAUL STEPHENS form they produced when stampeding to the Allied Dunbar Premiership title last May. Their ageing scrum disports little of the threatening bostility of a season ago, nor will it while they have two looseheads in a disjointed front-row which badly needs the reinforcement of Western Province tight-head Marius Hurter, who arrives next month.

In the meantime they will be thankful to hang on as they did Gateshead on Saturday, where

Jonny Wilkinson kicked Newcastle to victory.

Bath will regret that they were unable to win for the second Saturday in succession, and leave Newcastle picking over the remains of two defeats in as many weeks. But the truth is that, while Newcastle are not the against an unconvincing Bath at force of last season, Bath appear nothing like as persuasive or as

Bath would have killed Newcastle off without a second thought.

Mike Catt will bemoan the fact that, while Wilkinson converted all his opportunities, the Bath outside-half missed twice with kicks, though in other respects he was Bath's most positive contributor. Had the other backs responded to Catt's alacrity it the are unable to make more of their may have been a different story, despite his failure to convert Adedayo Adebayo's try which gave Bath a the forceful Dean Ryan to claim 14-13 lead, shortly after the break. their only try. Wilkinson converted

two Allied Dunbar Premiership

matches in which to underline to

Clive Woodward, the England coach,

the qualities he can bring to the fly-

What Mapletoft can do is direct

operations and from time to time

take matters into his own hands. He

did so at Reading on Saturday where

he directed Gloucester to that rarest

of feats, an away league win. They had arrived at the Madejski Stadium

with just seven wins from their last

admitted Richard Hill, their director

of rugby. "Last week Richmond beat

Newcastle here. Now we have beat-

en Richmond. Once you start to beat

the big sides you view things differ-

ently. This was a big step for the club."

They needed a helping hand and

they got it. First of all Ben Clarke in-

jured his left shoulder following a

shuddering Steve Ojomoh tackle in

the 28th minute which consigned the

Richmond captain to the sidelines.

right, though certainly not celebrated

in the manner West Hartlepool

would have hoped for When West last

played at Victoria Park in 1908 it was

the Victoria Ground. Since then it has

Then late in the second half when

"This was a massive game for us,"

half berth.

31 away trips.

TT HAS taken Mark Mapletoft just BY DAVID LLEWELLYN

capable as when they last won the Catt extended that by another three with a huge kick from the left touchague title in 1996. Two years ago points with his fourth penalty, but this was Bath's last shout in front of a

meagre 3,500. While the poor attendance will no doubt concern those attempting to make Newcastle financially viable in their adopted home south of the Tyne, Rob Andrew will remain justified in his concerns that Newcaspossession. It took them an age to get into their stride, and even longer for line and struck two superb penalties before Bath nosed ahead. Certain the outcome of the match rested with him. Wilkinson was the epitome of LONDON SCOTTISH are on a learnself-assurance as he kicked two more penalties to secure the points.

Penaldies: Catt 4.

Hesnicastile: S Legg: J Naylor, V Tulgamala, R Andrew, T Underwood, J Wikinson. G Amstrong: G Graham. R Nesdale, N Popplewell, G Archer, H Wels, S O'Neil; P Watton, 73), R Amold, D Ryan (capt). Baths: I Bolshaw; I Evans: P de Glanville (capt), J Gascott, A Adebayo; M Catt, S Hattey (A Nicol, 75); O Hilton (J Mallett 60), A Long, V Ubogu, M Haag, M Radman, N Thomas, 8 Soumham (R Webster, 72), F Peters.

Having been overlooked for the

disastrous summer tour Mapletoft

is phlegmatic about his England

chances. "I have to play well for

Gloucester before I can be consid-

ered and if I am not picked for the

full England side so be it. But I am

still ambitious. I want to play for my

country either at A level or higher"

form is testament to his resilience

and character. The summer began

with England rejection and another

blow swiftly followed when Glouces-

ter announced they had signed the

former All Black fly-half Simon Man-

nix from Sale but Mapletoft re-

vealed a maturity and insight that

should ensure a very together

Gloucester side recording more vic-

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zer: T Moodiner (A Windo, 58), N McCardy (C Fores, 58). A Deacon, R Fidler, O Sims (capt). S Ojomon, S Devereur, N Carner Referee: S Lander (Liverpool).

tories away from home.

up against Sale, down to Earth against Leicester. The Tigers, who scored seven tries against Harlequins, were limited to four on Saturday after leading 30-3 at half-time.

"Having played reasonably well against Quins we felt the Scots would be tougher and would fight a lot more," Dean Richards, the Leicester coach, said. "They competed very well up front and we allowed them to rile us a bit in the second half. They have the players to dog it out."

ing curve which, after two games,

has taken on the shape of a rainbow:

That is no mean compliment from Richards, a Crufts champion when it comes to dogging it out.

In the first half London Scottish were undone by indecisive first time tackling and a succession of kicks from re-starts that played right into the hands of the Leicester forwards. The Exiles learnt several lessons. one being that it is folly to play lain For Mapletoft his present run of McAusland on the wing simply because he is the best goal-kicker in

> "Mentally we were too submissive," John Steele, the London Scottish Director of Rugby, said. "We paid them far too much respect in the first half. We have to be more streetwise. A case in point came at a stoppage and Austin Healey asked our scrum half for the ball. He meekly handed it to him instead of telling him where to go. In the event we were awarded a penalty but by the time we got the ball back we had no chance of taking a quick one."

Against a pack containing seven internationals, the Scots were surprisingly comfortable although in the lineout too they learnt some of the Premiership tricks of the trade. At

Leicester

London Scottish throw-ins, Leicester were not targeting the jumper. Instead they'd give the lifter a slight nudge which in turn disrupted the catcher Against the co-tenants of the Stoop. Quins and London Scottish, Leicester have made an excellent start. Re-

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stored to scrum-half, Healey looked once again like the artful dodger.
The highlight, in front of a crowd of just 2,100, was Ezulike's try under 🔌 the posts, beautifully created by Joel Stransky, Pat Howard and Lloyd, If South Africa have a better stand-off than Stansky, whose all-round performance was almost faultless, then

he must be some performer London Scottish, promoted after beating Bristol in the play-offs last season, will shortly announce the appointment of a South African coach (couldn't they find anybody north of the border?) and the signing of two or three players. "Our squad isn't complete," Steele said, "but the positive thing is that the players now know there's not that much difference between them and the top Premiership sides. It's a mental thing." And a physical thing. And a financial thing.

London Scorpish: () Lee: I McAusland, R Davies, R Eriksson, C Sharman; S Binns, G East-erby (5 Cook, 67); M McDonaid (R 98), AO, D. Cummins, P Burnell, G Manson-Bishop (M McAtandey, 40). M Watson, S Fenn, R Hunter (capt) (C Lirbuck, 40), T Davies (S Hölmick, 40). Ledesters T Schroson; L Lloyd, S Peces; IP Overend, 72], P Howard, N Exullier (D Leagheed, 72); J Stranski, A Heoley, G Roswinser, R Cockerill, D Garforth, M Johnson (2001), F was Heerden (N Pietcher, 72), P Gustard, M Corry, N Back, II Abnout, 489.

Big step for Gloucester

final double whammy that drained

them of resolve, or at least the

ability to turn that resolve into points.

Two moments of indiscipline saw

Craig Quinnell and Barry Williams

sent to the sin-bin after illegal foot-

in that spell but there were just not

enough personnel to do more than

fence throughout, even when being

outplayed in the first half during

which time they lost Ojomoh to the

sin-bin for killing the ball after mak-

sloppy at times, they spilled ball on

contact and turned over posses-

sion. Chances went begging and any

infringement simply invited

Mapletoft to use either his boot or

his consummate skill on the ball to

But Richmond's handling was

ing that huge hit on Clarke.

Richmond managed to score a try

Gloucester were glorious in de-

work and a punch respectively.



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been the home of Hartlepool United, West's new landlords. The great and the good of Hartlepool were there, including the mayor. All it needed was for Peter Mandelson

Hartlepool's homecoming is spoiled by the irresistible Irish.

West Hartlepool

they had begun to hite back came the keep Gloucester's noses in front.

IT WAS an historic homecoming all By PAUL STEPHENS

to kick-off but London Irish spelled the day by playing some irresistible rugby to run out convincing winners and provide West with an idea of what to expect now they have returned to

West's only reward for some early enterprise was two penalty goals but from then on Irish pulled themselves

Nick Harvey pinched a West lineout, Kevin Spicer threaded his way through some indifferent tackling to put Peter Richards across for the opening try. Justin Bishop got the O'Shea. Niall Woods converted both. a tally of 24 points.

Woods then banged over two penalties before gathering his own kick ahead for a superb individual try, which he converted to leave West trailing 27-6 at the break. Having not done themselves justice in the first half, West scored two tries but Irish collected two more by Brendan Venter and O'Shea. Woods converted second after great work by Conor both and kicked a further penalty for

West Hartlepool: Tries John 2: Conversions Seigan 2: Pessities Vile 2: Leadon tries: Tries Seigan 2: Pessities Vile 2: Leadon tries: Tries Scients Sistem, Woods, Venter, O'Shea: Scients Woods S: Pessities Vilodis 3: Mest Hartlepool: E Farrer (C Weob, 58); H Bishop, P Greaves, J Connelly, S John; S Ville P Began, 18); T Nu'sall'Ital (capt); S'Spairis A Pescock (S Whitehead, 60), P Beal 48 Cullinane, 73), B Puller, R Schröder, J Ponton, S Carsaldy, M Brewer,

London Irish: C O'Stea (capt); J Bishop, B Vieter, R Todd, N Woods; J Brown, P Richards III.
Campbell, 73): P Rogers (M Worsley, 52), 52; Krick (M Howe, 52), K Fullman, N Harris, R O'Kelly, K Spicer, K Dawson, R Galleghe

THE INTERNAL

presents Lancashire sting into the better. of two poor efforts

THE INDEPENDENT

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THIS VICTORY, which has taken Lan- BY HENRY BLOFELD cashire into third place, 11 points behind Surrey, like so many others which have been played towards the end of the season, has shown how badly the present system of county cricket is in need of an overhaul.

With a couple of exceptions, the Nottinghamshire batting has been uniformly awful, not that much of Laucashire's was a great improvement. In mildly helpful conditions, the seam bowlers held sway, some re-

turning figures which suggested bility or promise and, in the instance of Paul Franks, both. Yet all these few days have done is to emphasise the huge gulf that exists between county and Test cricket.

When the ball deviates more than just a fraction as it did at times at Trent Bridge the batsmen yell "foul" and get out in their droves, as a quick look at the scores show they have been doing in similar conditions all round the country. When these players come to Test cricket they find they do not speak the same language. The excellence that there is in county cricket urgently needs to become more concentrated.

It is extraordinary that anyone can still shelter behind the belief that all is well. On Saturday Nottinghamshire's last six first innings wickets capitulated with indecent haste and, after some lovely strokes from John Crawley, Lancashire subsided to 144

for 7 in their second innings. Wasim Akram then played one of those imperious innings, full of good strokes and disdain in equal proportion and made 155 off 178 balls. all over 15 minutes later.

Britannic Assurance

Championship

at Trent Bridge

Lancashire 218 & 357 Nottinghamshire 115 & 171 Lancashire win by 289 runs

He dispatched the ball to all parts of Trent Bridge as if he was giving the more recalcitrant members of his

staff a no-nonsense fielding practice. The less said about the Nottinghamshire bowling the better - and that is the point. Apart from Franks who has a nice high, whippy action and deserved his six wickets, the rest were more or less what Wasim would himself have chosen. At just above medium pace, and sometimes below it, the ball came pleasantly on to the bat and it was all a

bit like an exhibition match. Then Nottinghamshire started batting again soon after hunch and they were 12 for 2 before you could blink and 52 for 5 not long afterwards. The strokes, if one can dignify them with such a description, are not worth talking about and all they argued was poor techniques and faint hearts.

Then Paul Johnson batted, as always, with character and determination and played some lovely crisp strokes around the ground.

Franks was another who, wonderful to relate, moved into the line of the ball and kept his bat straight until he top-edged a pull to fine leg.

They had put on 90 for the sixth wicket but at 164, Johnson played back and across Wasim and was bowled 10 short of his 100 and "was



Gloucestershire's Matt Windows cuts a ball from Middlesex's Richard Kettleborough at Lord's yesterday

New low in Essex's late-season collapse

LEICESTERSHIRE SENT Essex Law was caught at deep midwicket crashing to their third AXA League defeat in a row by bowling them out for 91 to win by 128 runs at Grace Road yesterday. It was the lowest score of the season for Essex who, a month ago, were the leaders.

Leicestershire's off-spinner, Tim Mason, took a career-best 4 for 12 as Essex lost their last six wickets for 15 runs in six overs.

Paul Prichard and Stuart Law looked to have put them on the way to victory with an opening stand of 45 in seven overs but, when Prichard was bowled by James Ormond and

off Phil Simmons, Essex capitulat-

Mason, who had taken only three wickets in his previous eight games this season, took two in two balls when he removed Paul Grayson and Stephen Peters and then Dominic Williamson trapped Danny

Mason claimed his third wicket when Mark Hott was snapped up at slip by Simmons. Barry Hyam fell lbw to Williamson before Mason wrapped up the innings with the wicket of Peter Such as, for the second week in a row, Leicestershire of Michael Slater and Adrian Rollins from his eight overs and Dale took bowled out the opposition for less than 100.

In the Leicestershire innings Ben Smith and Simmons both hit half-centuries and shared a fourth wicket stand of 94 in 15 overs. The victory guaranteed Leices-

tershire a top-four finish and a share of the prize money. Glamorgan claimed their sixth

win in their last eight AXA League matches with a 56-run success against Derbyshire at Cardiff.

The visitors, set 211 to win, were

unable to recover from the early loss

and were restricted to 154 for 9. Dominic Cork and Kim Barnett

added 45 in eight overs for the third wicket but when Cork gave Adrian Dale the charge and was stumped for 15 Glamorgan quickly regained the initiative.

When Dean Cosker held a return catch offered by Barnett for the first of three wickets Derbyshire had little left despite a bright and breezy stand of 36 for the last wicket between Vince Clarke and Kevin

Cosker finished with 3 for 39

3 for 36. It was a fine all round performance by Dale as Glamorgan's total owed much to his fourth-wicket partnership of 112 with Michael Powell.

Dale managed only three fours in reaching his balf century off 72 balls and went on to pass his previous Sunday best of 67, also against Derbyshire but as long ago as 1987. finishing with 82.

Powell hoisted Blackwell over mid-wicket for the only six of the innings and also hit two fives in reaching his Sunday-best of 55.

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K P Evans c Fairbrother b Martin	0	0	12	10	
R T Bates not out	0	1	6	10	
A R Oram b Austin1	0	0	6	3	
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Total (40.2 overs)115					

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G Chapple 10-3-40-1, 1 D Austin 11.2-3-21-4.

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N H Fairbrother low b Tolley				
G D Lloyd c Read b Franks	0	0	12	10
A Flintoff c Read b Franks23				
tW K Hegg c Read b Franks	0	0	6	7
1 O Austin b Franks	0	1	35	43
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ts J Rhodes not out ... ras (b1 lb6 w2 nb4) Ø 1-13 2-21, 3-32, 4-64 Did Not Bats G R Haynes, 3 R Lampits, R K http://worth. R J Chapman, A Sheriyat. Beeling: N McLean 11-3-37-3, A C Monts 14-4-25-0, K O James 10-5-15-1, A O Mascarenhas 9-3-40-0, J Stephenson 7-2-17-0, S D Udal 5-1-3-0.

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AXA League

Durham v Surrey REVERSION: Survey (Apre) best Durham by 101 runs Surrey won toss

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Glamorgan v Derbyshire

CARDIFF: Giamorgan (Apts) best Derbyshire by 56 Glamoraan won was **GLAMORGAN** 24 0 0 51 44 M P Maynard Bur b Dean A Dale b Clarke P A Cottev c & b Barnett ...4 0 0 10 9 ...55 1 2 58 60 M J Powell b Clarks... 5 O Thomas c Blackwell b Cassar0 0 0 4 4 .9 0 0 B 17 A W Evens not out Patras (2010 w811B 210 Total (for 6, 40 overs) Fall: 1-14, 2-49, 3-62, 4-174, 5-181, 6-182

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Umpires: B Leadbeater and J W Dovds.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD Kent v Somerset CANTERBURY: Kent (4pts) best Somerset by 6 with-

Kent won toss

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Extras (/66 w/7)..... Total (for 7, 28 overs) _____164 Parts 1-12, 2-37, 3-74, 4-136, 5-151, 6-152, 7-164, Did Not Bat: A R K Pierson, A R Caddick, 5 Jones. Bowling: O W Headley 7-0-22-2, B J Phillips 7-0-30-0, M A Eathern 6-0-47-3, M J McCague 2-0-18-0, M V Fleming 4-0-26-2, C.L. Hooper 2-0-15-0.

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Fall: 1-9, 2-35, 5-141, 4-144. Did Not Bac: M.J. McCarue, W.J. House, "15 A Marsh, B.J. Phillips, D.W. Headley, Boundage G D Rose 6-0-15-1, A R Caddick 5-0-36-1, M E Trescotrick 4-0-37-0, S Jones 5,4-0-36-2, M Burns 3-0-29-0. K A Parsons 3-0-19-0.

Umptrest J H Hampshire and M J Kitchen. Leicestershire v Essex .

LEXESTER: Leicemershire (Apes) beat fissex by 128 LECKYERSHIRE Rurs 6s 4s Bts Min J M Daldo run cur. _17 1 1 21 16

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Fall: 1-26, 2-39, 3-68, 4-162, 5-162, 6-176, 7-197, 8-204. Sowing: A P Cowen 8-0-32-2, M C Rott 8-0-44-2, R C

Irani 8-0-38-3. P M Such 8-0-55-1, A P Grayson 8-0-43-0. Runs 6s 4s 9ts Min

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Bowling: J Ormand 8-1-36-2, P V Simmons 8-0-33-1, T J Mason 5.1-2-12-4, D Watamson 5-1-9-2. .8-0-35-3, S O Thomas 8-0-39-2, D A Coster 8-0-39-3. Umpires: A A Jones and J W Holder.

Middlesex v Gloucestershire LORD'S: Glomoustershire (Apts) beat Middlesex by 22

Maddece won too GLOUCESTERSHIRE Runs 6s 4s Bis Min M G N Windows c Strates b Dutch 30 0 1 51 57 tR C Russell c Goodchild b Weedes..... 36 0 3 35 48 A J Wright c Goodchild b Weeles 0 0 0 1 0

Total (for 6, 40 overs)196 Falt: 1-3, 2-17, 3-92, 4-99, 5-172, 6-173. Did Not Bat: J Lews, A M Smith, C A Walsh. Bowfing: J P Hewitt 8-0-26-2, A R C Fraser 8-1-31-0, R A Kertleborough 6-0-29-0, R L Johnson 8-0-45-0, K P Dutch 8-0-48-2, P N Weeks 2-0-12-2.

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*M R Ramprakesh c Russell b Alleyne .. 56 0 5 83 103 D A Shah c Dayeson b Smith 10 0 0 12 16 K P Dutch c Windows b Alleyne 1 0 0 2 4 R L Johnson b Walsh S 0 0 6 7 JP Hewitt not out 9 0 0 9 9 Total (for 8, 40 overs) _

Pall: 1-4, 2-19, 3-64, 4-111, 5-134, 6-137, 7-138, 8-154 Did Not Bat A R C Fraser. owiling: J Lewis 6-D-21-2, A M Smith 8-0-28-1, C A Whish 8-0-26-1, 7 H C Hancock 8-0-38-1, M C J Ball 5-0-21-0, M W Asseyne 5-0-27-3. Umphres: D R Shepherd and K E Palmer

Northamptonshire v Sussex NORTHAMPTON: Northamptoeshire (Apts) best Set sex by \$5 runs Sussex won toos NORTHANDTONSHIRE M B Love c Carpenter b Rao ... __35 0 3 60 71 A L Penberthy c Martin-Jenkins b Robinson17 0 1 46

J N Space got Out ______10 0 1 12 15 G P Swarm not out10 1 0 4 4 Fall: 1-51, 2-73, 3-111, 4-129, 5-144, 6-167. Did Not Bat: 1D Ripley, F.A. Rose, J.P. Taylor, Bowling: R J Kirdey 7-0-30-1, A D Edwards 7-0-29-1, M A Robinson 8-1-15-1, K Newell 3-0-17-0, R K Rao 3-0-22-1, J J Bages 6-0-42-2, C J Adams 2-0-15-0.

Runs 6s 4s Bls Min

R 3 C Martin-Jenkins c Snape b Penberthy 8 0 0 36 *C J Adams c Ripley b Rose..... ____2 0 0 12 8 K Newell run out _00031 R J Kirtley c Loye b Swann Extras (66 w)1 nb6) _____25 Total (29.4 overs) Fall: 1-9, 2-15, 3-22, 4-30, 5-59, 6-67, 7-90, 8-91, 9-92. Bowting: F A Rose 8-1-19-2, J P Tautor 5-2-6-0, A 1, Pen-

berthy 7-0-23-2, K M Curran 5-0-24-1, J N Snape 2.4-0-

7-2. G P Setann 2-0-5-2.

Unspires: T E Jessy and R A White.

Worcestershire v Hampshire MORCESTER: Worcestershire (4pts) beat Hampshire by 4 mas Movementship with the

WORCESTERSHIRE W P C Weston c Smith b Cornor..... ... 8 0 1 15 14

Total (for 9, 40 overs) ______101 Fall: 1-20, 2-20, 3-39, 4-72, 5-110, 6-124, 7-156, E-163.

9-176 offing: N A M McLean 8-0-40-1, C A Connor 8-0-27-3. K D James 2-0-14-0, A O Mascarenhas 8-1-25-2, J P Stephenson 6-0-31-2, 5 O Udal 8-1-28-1

G W White st Rhodes b Mingworth. ... 21 0 0 41 59 M Keech c Rhodes b Lamper 8 0 1 12 13 ras (8011 w4 nb4). 19

Bouritats G R Harnes 8-0-35-1, A Shernar 4-0-12-1, O Carteral 6-0-28-1, R K Illingworth 8-0-31-3, M J Rawnsley 8-0-26-1.5 R Lampit: 6-2-34-1. skress A G 1 Whitehead and A Clarkson Yorkshire v Warmickshire

HEADBIGLEY: Warwickshire (Apts) beat Vorkshire by S wickets Warmarkshire were 50% YORKSHIRE A McGrath c Gles b Giddins......29 0 4 35 35 B Parker run out

R J Blakey not out...... 27 0 3 31 51 G M Hamilton low b Munton 14 0 1 16 29 G M Fellows low b Brown 1 0 0 4 C E W Silverwood not out............ 8 0 1 8 1 Did Not Bate 1 O Fisher, P M Hutchison. Bonnflags T A Munton 8-0-56-1, E S H Glodins 8-0-26-1, m 8-0-41-2, G C Small B-1-28-2, A F Gles 8-0-

N V Knight not out *B C Lara c White b Fisher 10 0 1 12 13 **-.19**2

Fine: C E W Silverwood 6-1-39-1, P M Hutchison 7-1-28-1. 1 D Fisher 8-0-30-1. G M Hamilton 8-0-31-0. G M Fellows 5.3-0-36-0, A McGrath 4-0-23-0. Umpires: H O Bird and R Julian

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Master Monty closes the gap

FOR COLIN Montgomerie, the One To One British Masters became more of a one-two-twotwo-one. Monty has not been outside the top two in his five visits to this Midlands venue. Having won the English Open four years ago, the Scot added the Masters title for the first time.

It is a run that could perhaps only be broken if the (British) Open was bizarrely ever staged at the Forest of Arden. While as far from a links as you can get, the course did provide a difficult test in windy conditions. For a man who two weeks ago missed his second cut in succession, it was an examination Montgomerie passed easily enough.

This would not have happened if I had not made that phone call from Seattle," Montgomerie said. It was to Bill Ferguson, his old coach from whom he split in two years ago, on the Sunday night after the USPGA

Championship last month. "Problems were arising where they had not done so before. I hadn't performed properly since I lost a play-off in the Irish before. My confidence was someone else, I went back to the man who made me the No 2 in the world. I've been working hard, harder than I ever have before, and it is all credit to Bill."

Why, the question remains, did he leave Ferguson in the first place? "I got to No 2 in the world and wanted to improve," be four strokes on Friday. His cad-said. "All I probably needed to do die, Pello, was downright diswas hole a few more putts."

But there was no suggestion that Montgomerie, a healthy eater, had to add humble pie to the menu. "I should probably of the Qualifying School. bave made the call earlier but it was an easy decision to make after the way I played in No 3 does not like being No 3," Seattle," he said. "We have a lot Montgomerie confirmed but he of respect for each other. I used to caddie for him when I was 10. There are few people who I have mown in this game for 25 years and I'm only 35. He has known

For much of the day the win-

Blenheim

title goes

to Clark

EQUESTRIANISM

BY GENEVIEVE MURPHY

OLLY CLARK progressed

om overnight fifth to win the

Jenheim Horse and Hound aternational Horse Trials on

rthur Comyn's Westlord vesrday after a blustery show

mping phase. She finished 2pts ahead of Beale Wright

lorris, of the United States.

Competitors jumped in the

everse order of merit, with the

ind gathering strength as the

ompetition reached its cli-

ıax. Pippa Funnell, the

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lagic, and Andrew Nicholson,

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ney were jumping. Both in-

urred 10 penalties for two

nces down, which dropped

Third place went to Kristina

ifford and the big ex-show

mper, The Gangster II, whose

ıly mistake yesterday came at

iem to fifth and seventh.

BY ANDY FARRELL at the Forest of Arden

the necessity of a six-way playoff, was no certainty. Paolo Quirici, a 30-year-old from Switzerland who has not won on the European tour, led overnight but some 31 players started within four strokes of the lead.

Pierre Fulke, from Sweden, equalled the best round of the day with a 67 to reach the clubhouse at six under, where he was joined by the Argentinian Eduardo Romero. But the decisive break did not come until Montgomerie reached the 13th. There he hit a wedge to two feet and the Scot took sole possession of the lead when he added another birdie at the next.

But now Montgomerie arrived at the hardest stretch of the course, where the wind was dead against. After pars at the next two, a four at the par-five 17th, where he holed from 25 feet, proved good insurance for Open and that was two months the last. A brutal par-three of 209 yards, Monty missed the green down. But instead of seeing on the left and failed to get up and down. It did not matter.

Quirici, who left himself too much to do with a bogey at the 15th, ended tied for fourth with Andy Oldcorn and Ignacio Garrido. The Spanish Ryder Cun player was wearing a philosophical face after being penalised traught for it was he who left a rogue club in his employer's bag on Friday after his own practice session for this week's first stage

Only £34,000 now covers the too three on the money list. "The refuses to see remaining the No 1 in Europe as a priority. "Whether I have five money titles or six, it doesn't matter," added Monty, who won the PGA Championship earlier in the

TODAY

SPEEDMAY (7.30 unless stated): Pre-mier League: Exeter v Stoke: Glasgow v Hull; Reading v Newport. Individual tournament: Wayne Garratt Memorial Challenge & Trophy (ot Newcostle). TENNIS: Samsung Open men's tourna-ment (to 20 Sept) (ot Bournemouth).

RACING (Flat meetings in capitals MUSSELBURGH (First race 2.10); NO TINGHAM (2.0); Plumpton (2.20).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL (7.A5 unless stated):
Uefa Cup first round: first leg: Aston
Villa v Stromsgodset (Nor); Blackburn v
Lyons (Fr) (8.0); Belar Jerusalem v
Rangers (6.0); Kosice (Slovak) v Liverpool (7.0): Leeds v Maritimo (Por); Vitorta Guimartes (Por) v Cetic (9.0).
Wiorthington Cup second round first
leg: Barnsley v Reading: Bladpool v frammere (7.30); Bolton v Hull (8.0);
Bournemouth v Woives: Brentford v Tortentian: Burry v Crystal Palace; Fulham
v Southampeon; Halifax v Bractford City.
Huddersfield v Everton: Ipswich v Luton:
Leyton Orientv Nottingham Forest: Macclesfield v Birmingham: Northampton v
West Ham: Portsmouth v Wimbledon;
Sheffield Urd v Grimsby; Sunderland v
Chester: Pootball Conference: Famborough v Kingstonlant; Leek v Barrow:

RACING: SANDOWN (2.15); YAR-MOUTH (2.05): Sedgefield (2.25).

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL: See page 27.



playing in all the four remaining

order of merit events, while Lee Westwood and Darren missing one event. Clarke wasted an opportunity to overtake the young Englishman with a final round 75. Westwood closed with a 70 but was not happy with the state of his form. "I had my

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THIS WEEK'S MAJOR FIXTURES

Middlestrough v Wycombe; Norwich v Wigan; Queen's Park Rangers v Charl-ton; Sheffield Wednesday v Cambridge Urd. Football Conference: Forest Green Rovers v Hayes.

THURSDAY FOOTBALL: European Cup-Wissers' Cup first round first leg: Chcisea v Heis-ingborg (Swe) (7.45): Hearts v Real Mal-lorca (5) (8.0): Newcastle v Partizan Belgrade (7.45).

Beigrade (7.45).
CRICKET: Britanuic Assurance County Champlonship (first day of four, including Sunday, 10.30): Derbyshire v Middlesex (at Derby); Essex v Northamptonshire (at Cardiff): Lancashire v Hampshire (at Of Tariford): Nottinghamshire v Gloucestershire (at Trent Bridge): Surrey v Leicestershire (at Trent Bridge): Surrey v Leicestershire (of The Cwol): Sussex v Yorishire (at Hone): Warwickshire v Kent (at Edgbaston); Worcestershire v Durham (at Worcester).
RECINGE AYR (2.0): NEWBURY (2.10): YARMOUTH (2.20).

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL: Nationwide Football League Second Division: Walsell v Notis County (7.45). RUGBY LEAGUE: JJB Sports Super League: London v St Helens (7.30); Sheffield v Warrington (7.30). RACING: AYR (2.0): NEWBURY (2.10); Huntingdon (2.20).

SATURDAY

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FOOTBALL (3.0 unless stated): FR.
Carling Premierable: Coventry v Newcastle; Derby v Leicester; Leeds v Aston
Villa; Liverpool v Charlton; Middlesbrough
v Everton; Nottingham Forest v West.
Ham: Southampton v Tottenham: Wimbledon v Sheffield Wednesday, Naclouwride Football League First:
Disiston: Barrisley v Crystal Potoce; Simingham v Grimsby: Bury v Trannere:
Crewe v Bolton; Huddersheld v Wolves;
Ipswich v Bristol City, Port Vale v
Portsmouth: Queen's Park Rangers v
Scodeport; Sheffield Urd v Norwich; Sunderland v Oxford Urd; Swindon v Watford, Second Division: Blackpool v

Forest of Arden Breadsall Priory

Luton; Bristol Rovers v Lincoln City; Fulham v York; Gillingham v Burnley; Manchester City v Chesterfield; Manchester City v Chesterfield; Millwall v
Northampton; Oldham v Preston; Reading v Colchester; Wigan v Macclesfield;
Wredham v Stoke; Wrycombe v Bournemouth. Talrid Division: Cardiff v
Rochdale; Carlisle v Chester; Darlington v
Shrewsbury; Deter v Barnet; Hull v
Halfax; Leyton Orlent v Brighton; Peterforough v Plymouth; Rotherham v
Hartlepool; Scarborough v Brentford;
Scunthorpe v Mansfield; Southend v
Cambridge Und; Torqusy v Swansea.
Football Conference: Cheltenham v
Southport; Doncaster v Rushden & Diamonds; Dover v Barrow; Hayes v Nidderminster; Horeford v Morecambe;
Kettering v Kingstonian; Northwich v
Fernborough; Stevenage v Hednesford;
Telford v Forest Green; Welling v Leek;
Wolding v Yeovil, Scottsish PrenalerLeagues Dundee v Dundee Utd; Dunfermine v Hearts; Motherwell v Kilmarnotic; St Johnstone v Aberdeen. First
Divisions Ayr v Strantaer; Falirin v Aerdrie; Morton v St Mirren; Hamilton v
Clydebank; Hibernlan v Raith, Second
Division; East File v Partick; Queen of
the South v Fortar; Stirling v Inverness
Caledonolan Thisde. Talrd Divisions: Albion Rovers v Brechin; Berwick v East
Schiling; Dumbarton v Cowdenbeath;
Montrose v Oween's Park; Ross County
v Stenhousemult.
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European Cup Pool A: Begles v Stode
Français, Lianelli v Leinster. Pool B: Munster v Padova; Neath v Perpignan. Pool
C: Toulouse v Ebbw Vale; Ulster v Edhoungh Relvers. Pool D: Glasgow Caledonlans v Pontypridd; Treviso v
Colomiers. European Safelid Pool A:
Caerphility v Perigueuc; Narbonne v
Rovigo; Racing CF v Newport. Pool B:
Bourgoin v Spain: Castres v Aberavon;
Roma v Dax. Pool C: Bridgend v Agen;
Arhe v Blarritz; Bucharest v Pau, Teeley's Bitter Cap first round: Aspatria
v Bedford Athletic: Banbury v Sounthorpe; Barker's Bluts v Macclesfield;
Bromsgrove v Sedgicy Park; Cheshunt
v Morpeth; Clevedon v Barking; Ciliton
v Esher: Doncaster v Walsali; Sulfidford
á Godalming v Bridgwater; Hinddey v
Numeaton; Hull Ionians v Egremont: RUGBY UNION (3.0 unless stated): & Godalming v Bridgwater: Hinckley v Nuneaton: Hull Ionians v Egremont: Kendal v Broadstreet: Launceston v North Walstam: Malvern v Sandal: Met-ropolitan Police v Cheltenham: New Brighton v Lichfield; Norwich v Win-

chester: Penzance and Newlyn v Cambridge: Plymouth v Redruth; Preston Grasshoppers v Kenilworth: Russip v Old Colificians: Spartans v Hanont; Stourbridge v Sheffield; Swanage & Wareham v Abbey: Tabard v Wimbledon; Sirquay Athletic v Majdenhead; Iynedale v Wimnington Park; Westcombe Park v Bracknell; Weston-super-Mare v Ipswich; Whitchurch v Aspull, Allaed Dunbar Premidership One: Bath v Richmond; Bedford v London Scottish; Gloucester v West Hartlepool; Leloester v Northampton (2.15); London Irish v Wasps. Premidership Three: Exciter v Coventry; Fylde v Rotherham; London Welsh v Orrell; Rugby v Bristol; Water-loo v Waleefield; Worcester v Moseley, Jemson Mational League One: Camberley v Nottingham; Henley v Manchester; Lydney v Harrogate; Moriey v Wharfedale; Newbury v Rossiyn Park; Oticy v Liverpool St Helens; Reading v Birmingham/Sollhull, Walesh National League First Division (2.30): Bonymeen v Dunvant; Cross Key's v Iredgar; Merthyr v Treorchy, Newbridge v Maesteg; Rumney v Blackwood; South Wales Police v Llandowry; Rudu v Aberdiery; UWIC v Pontypool. Tennesh's Velvet Premiership First Division: Currie v String County; Gasgow Hawks v Borden GSFP; Klimarnock v Kelso; Kirkoraldy v Musselburgh; Seldrik v Gala, Tibrd Division: Berwick v Stewars's Melville FP, Glasgow Southern v Grangemouth; Gordonlam v Glernother; Peebles v East Kilbride; Preston Lodge v Ayr.

RACING: AYR (1.50); CarTISRICK (2.10); NEWBURY (2.0); WOLVER-HAMPTON (7.0); Carlisie (2.05); Market Rasen (2.15).

FOOTBALL: FA Carling Premierable: Arsenal v Manchester Utd (4.0). Na-tionwide Football League First Di-vision: West Bromwich v Bradford City (1.0). Scottish Premier League: Rangers v Celtic (6.05).

RUGBY LEAGUE: JPB Sports Super League: Huddersfield v Castleford (3.30); Leeds v Hull (3.0); Salford v Hal-Ifax (3.0); Wigan v Bradford (3.0).

Goater settles new local derby

THE LATE 1990s have not been kind to Manchester City. After their ignominious relegation to the old "third division" for the first time in their history last season, a trip to Macclesfield Town opened fresh avenues of previously unexplored humiliation against a team who were playing non-league football just two seasons ago. In a week when Manchester United became even richer, to lose against "the likes of" Macclesfield - the accepted prefix for smaller clubs nowadays -

bear for City fans. The last time Manchester City finished above Manchester United was in 1991. The following season, United won the inaugural Premiership title and a graph of the teams' subsequent fortunes would resemble the comparative value of the dollar and the rouble. Consequently, Manchester's underchievers have to travel that bit further afield for their newest local derby.

would have been too much to

"There won't be many teams who come here and win," Joe Royle said. His team were lucky to be one of them. Defensively, Macclesfield were wellorganised and competitive, with their captain Steve Payne FOOTBALL

BY PETER CONCHIE

Macclesfield Town Manchester City

and his fellow central defender Efetobar Sodje solid in defence. The former brought Lee Bradbury's dangerous run to a painful conclusion with a crunching tackle just before half-time. Macciesfield's deficiency

seems to be at the other end of the pitch as they have yet to score at home this season but, with Sammy Mcliroy as manager and Peter Davenport as coach - both former Manchester United players, they have a canny management team with good local contacts. Steve Wood, a sprightly 35-year-old who had only played non-league football until Macclesfield's promotion, was their leading scorer last season and he thrived again in a free midfield role. However, a dedicated striker of note would make his

Manchester City had the same problem and the fact they did not score until the 86th minute was due to the wasteful finishing of Bradbury, Paul

whom missed clear chances. The substitute Jim Whitley continued the theme, almost passing back to Ryan Price, the Macciesfield goalkeeper, after 80 minutes in an effort to register a shot on target.

But, with four minutes left. came undeserved salvation. Whitley lifted a pass over the tiring Macclestield backline and Goater fired a bobbling left-footed shot across Price.

"The pitch here is excellent, but it's a strange environment for league players," Joe Royle noted absent-mindedly, forgetting, perhaps, that his team had just played a league fixture.

If his side are to win promotion, it's games like this, they have to win, and for the sake of their fans, one hopes that they can do so with more style than they showed on Saturday.

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Barcelona fail to impress

BY RUPERT METCALF

BARCELONA, WHO face Manchester United in the Champions' League on Wednesday, secured their first win of the new Spanish League season, beating Extremadura 1-0 at the Nou Camp on Saturday thanks to a first-half strike

from their captain, Luis Figo. Patrick Kluivert made a quiet debut for the Catalan club, who were far from impressive in a close game. But tuguese international Figo, after he had been set up by Rivaldo, proved enough to secure the three points. Barcelona fielded just two Spanish

players. The former Middlesbrough striker Juninho made a dramatic return to league action, inspiring Atletico Madrid to a 2-0 home win over Salamanca after coming on as a substitute. He won a penalty converted by the Yugoslav midfielder, Vladimir Jugovic, and then set up Kiko for the second.

ture with Barcelona.

Juventus began the defence of their Italian Serie A title on Sunday with a thrilling 4-3 win at Perugia yesterday. The Turin

Real Madrid's 1-0 victory over Valladolid, courtesy of a Pedrag Mijatovic header was marred by the late sending-off of Roberto Carlos, who will miss next weekend's crucial fix-

side were 3-0 ahead at half-time

but the Japanese World Cup playmaker Hidetoshi Nakata brought Perugia back into contention with two goals on his debut. Daniel Fonseca added a fourth for Juve before Antonio Bernardini pulled one back with a late penalty.

Internazionale and Lazio had to settle for draws. Inter, missing the suspended Ronaldo, fought back with two late goals by the substitute Nicola Ventola to draw 2-2 at newlypromoted Cagliari.

Lazio took the lead in the 73rd minute at Piacenza with a long-range strike from the Serb, Dejan Stankovic. But Simone Inzaghi – the brother of the Juventus striker Filippo replied with a header three minutes from time.

Germany's Oliver Bierhoff celebrated his Milan Serie A debut by scoring twice as the former European champions kicked off their season with a convincing 3-0 win over Bologna. Leonardo scored with a delicate lob to make it 3-0.

Unfancied Westerlo took the honours in a seven-goal thriller against Lokeren on Saturday to go top of the Belgian League for the first time in their history, while Anderlecht won 3-0 at Germinal Ekeren to climb off the bottom.

Luis Aragones, the veteran former Real Betis coach, said yesterday that he had turned down an offer to become the coach of Spain.

New players high on shareholders' agenda

BY DAVID MCKINNEY

CELTIC SHAREHOLDERS WIL have the chance to question those who run their club at tonight's AGM with the absence of new faces certain to be high on the agenda. Celtic have not signed a new

player since November and are beginning to look stale. Their lack of creativity was again evident on Saturday as they drew 1-1 at home to Kilmarnock, showing themselves to be incanable to capitalising on the lead given to them by Regi Blinker on the half-hour mark. The chorus of jeers at the fulltime whistle indicated the depth of feeling among the supporters,

demonstrated against Fergus McCann after the game. Celtic's difficulties in prising open the packed defence will not be lost on Vitoria Guimaraes, their Portuguese opponents in the Uefa Cup. To complete an important

week for the Scottish champions, they travel to Ibrox on Sunday for the first Old Firm fixture of the season, trailing their great rivals by two points and without the services of Paul Lambert, who was sent off on Saturday. Rangers again left Colin

Hendry on the bench during their 0-0 draw with Dundee United. They have a date with Beitar Jerusalem tomorrow with doubts over Gabriel Amato, their Argentinian striker, who has a knee injury. Hearts, who lost 2-0 at home

to Dundee, will have to get past the man who denied David Batty at France 98 to have a chance of progress in the Cup-Winners' Cup. Carlos Roa, the Argentinian goalkeeper whose penalty save put England out of the World Cup, will line up at Tynecastle on Thursday for Real Mallorca.

Aberdeen might have gone op at the weekend had they beaten Motherwell at home but had to settle for a 1-1 draw, while there was a similar scoreline between St Johnstone and

Bury keep up their miserly record

CRAIG BELLAMY missed an injury-time penalty for Norwich to ensure Bury went home with their third goal-less draw in four away games this season at Carrow Road yesterday.

Andy Woodward gave away the penalty by tripping Adrian Forbes after Bury's goalkeeper, Dean Kiely, had lost possession. Beliamy, with seven goals to his name this season, shot firmly to the keeper's left but was denied by a superb save.

That preserved Bury's mean defensive record - they have now conceded just two goals in eight matches this season - and took them up to fourth place in the first Division

Norwich, with four wins from their last five games, started brightly and twice went close to opening the scoring in the first four minutes.

Darren Eadie sent a low

free-kick just wide of the post and then saw a fierce angle drive well blocked by Kiely. Eadie fired wide after 15 min-

utes when a Daryl Sutch cross had given him a clear sight of goal - but Norwich soon faded and Bury went close to taking the lead themselves. Andy Marshall tipped an effort from Laurent D'Jaffo on to the post and Andy Preece was denied by Chris Llewellyn'a desperate tackle and then by a smart reaction save from Marshall.

Hughes' pace torments **Bristol City**

BRISTOL CITY, still without a win this season, ran into more trouble against Denis Smith's mobile Albion side - especially the pace and lethal finishing of Lee Hughes - as they lost 3-1 at Ashton Gate.

The 22-year-old striker took his goal tally to eight as he netted twice in the first 33 minutes and it was almost a hat-trick early in the second-half but his header from Kevin Kilhane's cross came back off a post. City, reshuffled after the in-

terval, staged their revival too late and never quite had the skill to outwit a disciplined Albion defence, for whom Alan Miller pulled off three sharp saves before half-time. City did pull back a gool, however, after 69 minutes when substitute Julian Watts, with almost his first touch, headed in from Mickey Bell's centre.

But the Baggies' speed and accuracy repeatedly caused Bristol's shaky defence trouble, and they had already built up a three-goal lead by the 52nd minute when James Quinn: jabbed in at the far post as he. stretched for a left-wing cross from the accurate Kilbane.

For Bristol City's manager John Ward the worries continue, following his heavy investments during the summer H now seems certain that he will go into the market again for another defender.



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THAT WAS THE WEEKEND THAT WAS



How Huddersfield aim to get up to pace

AFTER THE rise and fall of Saturday as Birmingham crashed at Bolion and Wolves Bolton, the First Division of the Nationwide League is preparing more potential lambs for Premiership slaughter.

Having fired ill-equipped Charlton Athletic into the stratosphere last May, the unpredictable, fiercely com-petitive hut largely underfunded second tier of the English professional game is contriving to place Huddersfield Town among its promotion candidates.

Town went to the top on Friday evening after victory over Tranmere Rovers com-

and Sunderland drew. It is the highest position the Yorkshire club have occupied since they were last members of the old First Division 26 years ago.

Optimism abounds, even though it is only a week or so since manager Peter Jackson was appealing for supporters to come out of the woodwork and give attendances at the futuristic McAlpine Stadium a desperately needed boost.

Jackson has brought about a remarkable transformation in his club's fortunes, having taken over 11 months ago when they were under serious

Ailing Macclesfield still making history

MACCLESFIELD TOWN may possible as recently as three be finding life in the Second Division somewhat tougher than their successful debut clessield playing in the GM season in the Third, but there is still no shortage of work for the Cheshire club's busy his-

Last Tuesday, midfielder Matthew Wood's 66th-minute penalty at Oldham secured Town's first Second Division victory - three days after the same player had ended the club's six-match, 506-minute wait for a first goal at the higher level.

However, both these records paled into Insignificance alongside Saturday's historic first League derby against near-neighbours Manfew would have dreamed Comedy Channel.

pleted a run of four straight threat of relegation. But he has wins and stayed there on had to work with a shoestring

> seasons ago, when City were a Premiership club and Mac-

City's "nightmare derby" drew a full-house crowd of 6.381 to the Moss Rose ground, establishing another record as the chub's biggest Nationwide League attendance. City survived the ordeal and sneaked the points with Shaun Goater's strike four minutes from time.

Vauxhall Conference.

Meanwhile, the BSkyB takeover at United has made City the butt of more cruel Red-inspired Manchester bumour Apparently, Paramount are planning to bid for control at Maine Road - so they can chester City, an encounter show City's matches on the

only 10,000 this season.

fending off enquiries, however tempting, for striker Marcus Stewart, chairman quietly talking buy-outs with a Bradford husinessman, Barry Rubery, with a view to securing a £20m cash injec-

Rubery made a fortune when the satellite receiver firm Pace Microtechnology plc went public two years ago. The 49-year-old former joint chief executive made a reported £50m from his shareholding when the company was floated with a value of

The number of goals scored in stoppage time in the Premier and Nationwide Leagues on Saturday.

The number of yellow cards so far clocked up by Everton, the most punished side in the Premiership.

The number of consecutive away defeats suffered by Reading, beaten 4-0 at Preston on Saturday.

The number of goals scored by Kevin Phillips in 50 appearances for Sunderland,

panic." Charlton manager losing to Man Utd in midweek. How about a 2-0 Bryan Robson said. defeat at bome to Derby?

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EDITED BY JON CULLEY

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Missing... making it... and mistaken



ALUN ARMSTRONG MIDDLESBROUGH

After seven goals in seven starts following his £1.6m arrival from Stockport in February, the 23-year-old striker was looking forward to Middlesbrough's Premiership campaign but must now resign himself to months of frustration after damaging an Achilles tendon pre-season, "He will not figure in my plans until January or February," his manager



STEVE SIMONSEN TRANMERE ROVERS

The relative obscurity of life in the First Division seems to be nearing an end for the England Under-21 goalkeeper, whose performances for Tranmere seem certain to result in a move to the Premiership. The target of a £2.75m bid from Everton, the 19-year-old has been left out of John Aldridge's team recently after being unsettled by the transfer speculation.

FA CARLING



All creatures great and small make up the Arsenal line-up, including a dead ringer for television's most famous North country vet. As for Lee Dixon, only Chelsea wing-backs seem to bring out the animal in him.



Fact and fiction from the Sunday papers

ture at Newcastle. While the News of the World reports a £16m offer by Aston Villa for the England striker – also a began yesterday. Middlesbrough are on the trail of £3m-rated Colombian News of the World reports a target for Chelsea, Liverpool and Manchester United - the Mail on Sunday says Internazionale are ready to bid £20m to team up Shearer with

Ronaldo and Roberto Baggio. The Mail says Rund Gullit must sell to finance his plans for Newcastle and would also sell David Batty-subject of reported interest from his old club. Leeds - as well as Laurent Charvet, Lionel Perez, Gary Speed, Alessandro Pistone, Andreas Andersson and Steve Watson.

Portugal's Rui Costa is still a target, the Mail insists, despite Gullit denying a move for the Fiorentina midfield player. The News of the World. meanwhile, says Gullit has agreed a £4.5m fee with Inter for the defender Taribo West.

The People says the BSkyB takeover of Manchester United will give Alex Ferguson the People reports.

TWO GOALS on Saturday the clout to make a £25m bid failed to damp growing spec- for Chile's Marcelo Salas if the ulation over Alan Shearer's fu-striker fails to settle at Lazio. where his Serie A career

striker Victor Aristizabal, according to the News of the World, while the People says Bryan Robson is considering a move for Villa's Stan Colly more after Everton quoted

£12m for Duncan Ferguson. The Express says Notting ham Forest are not interested in taking Collymore back but the News of the World reckons they are keen on Ajax forward Gerald Sibon, for whom the Dutch want £2.5m.

The Mirror says Glenn Hoddle is ready to quit the England job in the face of mounting criticism and says Alex Ferguson is favoured by some at Lancaster Gate to take over. The Express, more realistically, confirms Roy

Hodgson as No I choice. Blackburn's Tim Sherwood, courted by Tottenham, may instead go to Villa for £5m.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tomorrow: The first big shots are fired in Europe, with Uefa Cup ties involving Aston Villa (home to Stromsgodset). Blackburn (home to Lyons), Liverpool (away to Kosice) and Leeds (home to Marttino). Cetic and Rangers travel to Vitoria Guimaiáes and Bellatenselm respectively. Among 16 Worthington Cup second-tourid, first-leg des, Everton are away to First Division leaders Huddersfield, while Ron Noades' Brentford meet Tottenham

Sterio, while non Noapes' Brentrora meet Tottennam Wednesday: In the Champlons' League, Manchester United Jace Barcelona at Old Trafford and Arsenal journey to Lens. Manchester City go to Derby among eight more Worthington Cup games. Thursday: Chelsea meet Helsingborg in the Cup-Winners' Cup, in which their former manager, Ruud Guillit, piots a Newcastle win over Partizan Belgrade and Hearts face Real Mallorca.

Friday: Walsall play Notts County in the Second Division

Saturday: Leeds provide an early test for Aston Villa's stickability at the top of the Premiership, Liverpool attempt to get back on track at home to Charlton and Everton continue their quest for rare goals at Middlesbrough.

Sunday: Television annexes the Premiership match of the week. Arsenal v Manchester United. In Scotland, Rangers meet Celtic.

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

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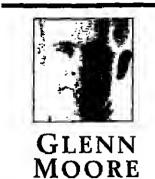
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Wright's confidence rubs off



West Ham United Liverpool

IT WAS 10.30 on Saturday morning when the phone rang in John Hartson's home. "Big Fella, it's Wrighty," hellowed a Sarf London voice.

'We're gonna murder this lot today.' This, as much as the goals, is why Harry Redknapp moved for Ian Wright when he decided to leave Arsenal in the summer.

While West Ham did not exactly murder Liverpool, they gave them a fair going over and certainly did not look a team still reeling from the midweek capitulatioo against Wimbledon. Wright's attitude had a lot to do with that.

"When I first came back," said Redknapp, "and even last season, I'd have walked into the dressing room before a game like this, after a defeat like that, and it would have been dead quiet with no-one prepared to meet your eye. They'd have been terrified to go out, beaten before they got on the pitch. Today I went in there and Wrighty had the music up, Razor [Neil Ruddock] was going round geeing everybody up, they wanted to get out there."

The consequence was a goal in the fourth minute. The lead was later increased and just as important, held in the face of a late Liverpool rally.

"Character". That was the watchword afterwards. "It was an important game for us after Wednesday," said Redknapp. "A test of character for everyone. But we now have so many hubbly characters."

You will not win championships and cups with character alone, hut neither will you win them without it. Players like Wright have it in abundance. "He was the man at Arsenal, George Graham's No 1, and I was in year awe of him," sald Hartson, remembering his early days at Highbury. "If Redknapp felt Hartson, having he shouted at me I'd hide, my touch would go, I'd be awful.

"Now our relationship is on a level, we're friends, he's still al- felt having another go at the Welshways shouting at me hut I know he's man would be counter-productive so, just trying to gee me up. He's one of those guys you love or hate and to outline the strategy, he called we all love him. For all the money them both in and dressed them



Liverpool's Michael Owen cuts between West Ham's Frank Lampard (left) and Neil Ruddock at Upton Park on Saturday

Dylan Martinez/Reuters

he's got he's not changed and I hope I've still got that enthusiasm at 34." There are those who wonder if

Hartson even has that enthusiasm now, at 23, For all his brash image hlond highlights and in-your-face aggression - he is surprisingly introverted, with a tendency to be lazy. It is a fault he is beginning to recognise. "Last year I scored 24 goals but almost all came by January. Then I eased up, I thought I'd done my bit. Wrighty won't let that happen this

Not that the problem is solved. scored early against Wimbledon, eased up when West Ham appeared to have the game won. However, be after having a word with Wright first

and accepting, the blame the message made a greater impact on Hartson.

"If we stay fit we'll destroy teams," added Hartson. That is a big proviso since he is already carrying an ankle injury he fears may be ligament damage and Wright missed the last half of last season with injuries. Equally important is whether they avoid suspension. So far this season they have played four games each, Wright has three goals and two yellow cards, Hartson two goals and three yellow cards.

Not that Wright is the only new influence. Hartson added: "Razor scares people. I used to be afraid to see his name on the team-sheet. It's great to have him on my side. After the game he walked in and said: 'We've shown we've got bollocks'. Which is more than Liverpool's of a large deflection of Jamie Car-

down together. With Wright sharing management showed when omitting ragher, then Berkovic shot through Karlheinz Riedle. Having gone top of the Premiership with him and Owen in attack they left the 18-yearold to fend for himself against the hristling Ruddock, excellent Ian

Pearce and composed Steve Potts. The Dug-Out Duo, Gérard Houllier and Roy Evans, intimated that this was one of the trickier - and possibly disputed - decisions of their joint reign. The reasoning was partly to put Steve Harkness on Eval Berkovic, partly because Riedle, 33 on Wednesday, needed a rest ahead of Tuesday's visit to Kosice. Liverpool changing their game because of the opposition, making the Uefa Cup a higher priority than the title? What would Shanks have thought? Without Riedle they were pretty impotent as Hartson headed in Frank Lampard's corner with the aid

an unsighted Brad Friedel. On came Riedle and, once Jason McAteer arrived to provide the crosses, Liverpool looked dangerous.

The German hit a post with one far post header, then scored with another. West Ham survived, though. Their victory underlined the evenness of the Premiership, notwithstanding the growing wealth of the likes of Manchester United. Only 11 can play at any given time and the influx of cheap foreign players, the annual £7m Sky television dividend, Bosman and improving youth systems has created a levelling of standards. "It is," admitted Evans, "much more even than even five years ago. There really are no easy games now.

Of course, over a season the bigger clubs prevail through the depth of their squads. Redknapp, dipping

into his favourite phrase, described his squad as "down to the bare bones". Last week he was offered. on a free transfer, Fabio Pecchia of Juventus. He took one look at the wages and ruled it out. Vincent Guérin, a high-quality midfielder formerly of France and Paris St-Germain, made it as far as a week's trial during which he impressed. But, though his wage demand was reasonable, the cupboard was bare. Thus the emphasis on character.

Goals, Haitson (4) 1-0; Berkonic (49) 2-0; Riedle (87) 2-1;
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Big hit Heskey boxes clever

By Phil Shaw

Leicester City

AS IF the pugilist tendency in the Arsenal squad were not pronounced enough, Arsène Wenger revealed after the champions' latest, somewhat fortuitous draw that he covets the Leicester striker popularly known as "Bruno".

Ignoring transfer protocol, the Arsenal manager openly expressed his interest in signing Emile Heskey. Whether he was being mischicvous or simply candid we can only surmise, but his admiration for the muscular 20-year-old's performance was fully merited.

Heskey had not only landed what appeared certain to be a deserved knock out blow until Stephen Hughes exposed Leicester's glass jaw at the death. At times he also made Arsenal's fabled back four, hailed by Wenger as the best in the world, labour like ageing prizefighters.

Arsenal, who visit Lens in their opening Champions' League fixture on Wednesday, are without a goal from an out-and-out attacker in 877 minutes of Premiership action stretching back to Barnsley in April. They moved to fill the gap left by Ian Wright's departure by snapping up Sweden's Fredrik Ljungberg on Friday. Yet it is clear that Wenger would be in the market for the f10m-rated Heskey if and when Leicester decide to do business.

"He tried like crazy - too much for my liking - and we gave him too much space and didn't close him down in the first half," Wenger said, "Unfortunately they don't want to sell him, so we'll have to look elsewhere." But was Heskey, with his aggressive, typically British style, the sort of striker he was looking for? "He would be ideal."

Heskey signed an extension to his contract only last Thursday, amid defiant talk about Leicester no longer being a selling club. In theory, the £10,000-a-week deal keeps him at Filbert Street until the millennium. In the real world, as Manchester United's highly dubious wooing of Dwight Yorke proved, even the most settled of cult heroes can have his head turned and be gone before anyone can say "Know wnat i mean 'Arry:

Heskey's nickname always owed more to sloppy stereotyping than to any similarity with Panto Frank. These days he looks leaner, quicker and more confident than when he first pitted himself against top-class defenders. He is also no longer playing as a right-footed, left-sided forward, though the benefits of his stint there were evident as he powered through a retreating rearguard to bludgeon the ball past David Seaman with his 'southpaw'

The main question mark against Heskey now is his strike rate. Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager, conceded that the local boy blooded by Mark McGhee at 17 needs to become a 15 to 20 goals-a-season man "to convince everyone he's the player we think he is". After finishing with 10 last time, he has two to

his name so far. That tally would make him the leading scorer at Highbury. Arsenal's unbeaten start, including creditable draws away to two of last term's top four, cannot disguise the fact that the Double holders are light years away from the unstoppable force of the

Hughes's speculative effort, facilitated by untypically poor positioning by Kasey Keller, finally ended their harren run at 371 minutes. Wenger, in his relief, admitted that scoring had become "almost an ohsession, a psychological problem". But Lens' spies would have seen nothing to worry them unduly. save the odd sign that Dennis Bergkamp is emerging from his

World Cup hangover. The French champions must have been heartened, if a little puzzled, by Arsenal's early-season sluggishness. Not to mention the absence of width, a dearth of creativity which contrasted with the invention of Muzzy Izzet, and the sight of Patrick Vieira being hauled off after fouling Heskey. Wenger feared his frustration might boil over and provoke another red card.

In the Stade Felix Bollaert's "very English atmosphere", as Wenger described it the fighting spirit which is currently compensating for a lack of inspiration will have to be tempered by greater control if Arsenal are to punch their weight.

Arsenal are to punch their weight.
Gouls: Heskey (28) 1-0; Hughes (30) 1-1.
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Fans fail to add fuel to protest vote

FOUR DAYS after Manchester BY GUY HODGSON United agreed to sell their hirthright there was scant evidence of change. A small pitch-side advertising boarding read "Sky Digital Oct I" and the member of the Socialist Workers' Party on Sir Matt Busby Way had extra reason to damn capitalism.

Other than that, very little. True, the Coventry fans sang barbed chants, hut members of United's board will pocket BSkyB's money with equanimity if the only thing they have to face is: "You're not Man U any more". Even Martin Edwards escaped unscathed.

Why Old Trafford is taking the proposed takeover with barely a whimper is a mystery. A local paper poll had 96 per cent opposition to BSkvB's takeover, yet the 55,000 filling the ground seem to have reached a pact of silence over the

Manchester United

Coventry City

deal Rupert Murdoch cannot have bought all of them, can he?

Perhaps the supporters know something we do not because Old Trafford was buzzing with reports the Independent Manchester United Supporters Association are to launch a bid of its own, although it was struggling to stump up the £6,000 for tomorrow night's fans' meeting at the Bridgewater Hall last week, so £623m is probably beyond them.

For the sake of football romantics, you hope the reports that IMUSA. which distributed 25,000 leaflets, will be backed by a rock star are true, but even Paul McCartney would be hard out to find a sum of that magnitude

and he is a Liverpool supporter something was wrong from the "Sky's the limit" was a handy motto to paint on faces and banners; it is also

probably true in terms of hard cash. The future would seem to be one-sided games with one team packed with international stars barely breaking sweat to defeat the poorer toilers put up against them. Not unlike this match, in fact.

Coventry's reputation for making things difficult for higger, richer clubs will not survive if they provide supine performances like this. Even their second-half improvement was dismissed as "propaganda" by their manager Gordon Strachan, likening it to the golfer who completes the final 15 holes in par after the first three have ensured he has no

chance in the monthly medal. "They're not kidding me on." Strachan said, "You could sense beginning. We were like somebody going to the dentist knowing there's pain coming some time. We weren't brave enough to play against them."

After Paul Telfer had hinted at hidden courage with a header that flew close to a post after six minutes United took over, doing enough to win the match and then taking the foot off the throttle to prepare for Wednesday's Champions' League match against Barcelona.

At the centre of most good things was Dwight Yorke, who, unlike Andy Cole, has come to terms with the extra demands of playing for United immediately. His partnership with Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has yielded five goals in two matches and if they had received anything like adequate service on Saturday that figure would have been more.

Even on these meagre rations hunger for the game is exceptional.

Yorke managed to take his tally to They must get if from the manager." three goals in as many starts since his £12m move from Aston Villa, tapping in Paul Scholes' pass after Solskjaer's run and Ryan Giggs' cross to the far post had left Coventry's defence looking as sorry as the car park attendants outside Old Trafford

caught in the freezing rain. After 47 minutes the game was as good as over Yorke's shot was blocked on the line and Paul Scholes' follow-up was turned in by Ronny Johnsen, who later hurt his right ankle and is doubtful for Wedndesday.

Strachan was impressed with United: "They're just the same. If you don't work hard and do your joh you are turfed out. Dwight Yorke and Ryan Giggs were chasing all over the pitch and they're millionaires. Money means nothing to them, their

Alex Ferguson was less sure. "The second goal came too early for us," he said. "After that we went to

Frankly it became little better than a bore but, never mind, BSkvB will he telling us such fare is wonderful/brilliant/magnificent (take the superlative of your choice) in the very near future. You can almost hear Andy Gray already.

Goals: Yorke [19] 1-0; Johnsen [47] 2-0.

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Shilton, Williams, Soltvett, Ogrizovic (gk). drigs: Manchester United: Beckham, Yorke. sstry: Burrows. Referee: U Rennie (Sheffield).

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Saints first to feel blast Chelsea rue profligacy

Kenny Dalglish's time at St James' Park, the wind of change is starting to blow through Newcastle United.

Of the 18 men who either wore black and white on the pitch or sat on the home bench on Saturday, only two - Ruud Gullit and Steve Clarke - are sure they will not he swept away in the coming weeks. The gusts may even be felt in the seats of power at St James', high up in the Milburn Stand in the directors' box.

Talk of a takeover is in the Tyneside air. Sony, it seems, could soon be in charge, instead of father and sonny, Sir John and Douglas Hall having held a controlling interest in the club for aix years. On the pitch, Newcastle could

soon be shorn of their Shearer, despite Gullit's assertion vesterday that the £15m man "is not for sale". Gullit said: "I want Alan Shearer to be part of my plans for Newcastle United," hut added, perhaps significantly, "I don't know if he wants to be part of it."

Shearer refused to comment on anything over the weekend other than his return to goalscoring form on Saturday. But, with Gullit needing to finance the wholesale changes he wants to make, it seems likely that Newcastle's most saleable measure to Gullit's deployment of man of the march: Ketsbala

AFTER THE fog on the Tyne in BY SIMON TURNBULL

Newcastle United Southampton

asset, a seemingly unsettled figure even before the departure of Daiglish, would not be averse to making a fresh start away from his home city.

And there would be no shortage of clubs willing to give the England captain that fresh start. Internazionale, Chelsea and Aston Villa are reportedly keen to open the bidding, and with a wanted list that features Tariho West, Nwankwo Kanu, Rui Costa, Dion Dublin, Gianfranco Zoia, Franck Leboeuf and Dan Petrescu, Gullit is keen to bring

reinforcements to the Toon Army. The Toon platoon called up to face Southampton on Saturday is likely to be unrecognisable from the one on duty when Newcastle end their Premiership campaign at home to Blackburn in May. They gained their first win of their season with some assurance, if not style, but did so against an out-of-sorts Southampton team reduced to 10 men for more than an hour and still point-less at

the foot of the table. That Newcastle climbed from second bottom was due in no small

Temur Ketsbaia as Shearer's striking partner. The Georgian's play may not always be as polished as his pate but his direct, hyperactive style can

open up defences. On Saturday it led Newcastle to three of their goals: in the eighth minute, when Ketsbaia's fizzing 20yard shot was spilled by Paul Jones and Shearer pounced from close range; six minutes before half-time, when he set up Stephen Glass for the shot Jason Dodd handled to give Shearer a penalty; and in injury time, when he jinked past three defenders before planting a low angled drive into the right corner of the Southampton net.

It begged the question of not just for how long Shearer might be around to be partnered, but of where Stephane Guivarc'h sits in the new scheme of things at Newcastle. Uncomfortably, would seem to be the

Gosts: Shearer (8) 1-0; Shearer pen (37) 2-0; Marshall (og 89) 3-0; Kersbala (90) 4-0. Newcastle United (4-4-2); Gwen; Watson, Charuet, Albert, Pearce, Anderson (Gilespie, 59). Lee, Speed (Barton, 65), Glass; Kersbela, Shearer, Subsettrates not used: Guwarc'h, Pistone, Deurs (etc.) Ferta 1941. Stouthampton: Jones: Hilley, Dodd, Marshall, Be-nais, Ripley, Palmer, Howells, Bridge (Ostensad, h-t): Hugner (Le Tissler, h-t). Beattle (Lundel-varn, 39). Substitutes not used: Gibbers. Mess

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WHILE ONE would hesitate to BY CLIVE WHITE suggest that any club should give lucrative employment to the selfish, stuhborn Pierre van Hooijdonk, Dave Bassett's suggestion that Chelsea swap their unemployed Tore Andre Flo for his contract rebel may not be as daft as Ken Bates seems to think it is. If nothing else, the Dutchman is a prolific goalscorer, and that is something that the current Chelsea line-up patently does not have.

It warmed the heart to see Dave Beasant playing out of his skin on the sixth anniversary of his shabby treatment from Chelsea (when, after a couple of blunders against Norwich, Ian Porterfield shamefully dea new goalkeeper), but one has to question the ruthlessness of

Chelsea'a finishing on Saturday. It is true that against a lesser keeper than Beasant, now 39, the wonderfully gifted Gianfranco Zola could have had as many as five goals instead of one but, while the diminutive Italian has many qualities, putting the ball consistently in the back of the net is not one of them. As for his fellow countryman Pieriuigi Casiraghi, well, he is merely a one-in-four man - 58 goals in 210 Serie A appearances up until the end of the 1996-97 season, his last full one in Italy.

Nottingham Forest

Indeed the only prolific scorer at the club is the manager, who, despite Rund Gullit's reluctance to play him, has been top scorer in his two seasons at the club. Not surprisingly, Gianluca Vialli admitted he was not about to hang up his boots just yet. Of course, he could always dip once more into the club's bottomless coffers. How that must irk someone like Bassett who must wait until Forest find a huyer for Van Hooijdonk before he can strengthen his team. On Saturday, it must been like fighting clared that they were now looking for a giant with one hand tied behind your back - having had your nose bloodied after just 25 seconds.

Zola'a goal was the first by a Chelsea forward in six hours this season. It owed much to the tenacity of Casiraghi, who is not unlike Mark Hughes in that his abrasive qualities will enable others to score. Alan Rogers complained afterwards about what he saw as illegitimate hustling but, as Bassett said, "you cannot be

a big tart, you have to boot it clear? Given Chelsea's profligacy in attack it is surprising that Vialli has had Gustavo Poyet on the bench in the last two games. The Uruguayan midfielder has an uncanny eye for goal and 10 minutes before half-time he was again in the right place at the right time, after Beasant had partially stopped Celestine Babayaro's header, to force home his third goal of the season, making him comfortably the club's leading goalscorer. Chelsea should have won in a can-

ter after that, as the difference in quality at times became embarrassing. But Beasant, who up until this season was atill training with Chelsea, continued to frustrate Zola at every twist and turn. The whole complexion of the

game changed when the speedy Jean-Claude Darcheville scored on a hreakaway. Bassett had been forced to respond to the appeal of the Forest fans to bring on a second forward at two goals down after the luckless Geoff Thomas limped off with what appeared to be another cruciate ligament injury - and for the last 20 minutes Forest put Chelsea through the wringer.
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Spurs second best again

Tottenham Hotspur Middlesbrough

THE DECLINE of Paul Gascoigne may be sad and seemingly irreversible, but compared to that afflicting his old team he is in pretty good shape. Second-best throughout yes-

terday's match the only uncertainty they caused was to their own supporters. They were unsure whether to leave early, or wait for the final whistle to boo the team off. Gascoigne, making his first

competitive appearance at White Hart Lane since May 1991, never needed to raise a gallop against a team even more pedestrian than he. Though he did little more than provide a passable impression of David Batty – which is praise of sorts - there must have been many in the home support who wished his footballing intelligence was still available to them. When he left, six minutes from time, they generously forgot their own woes to give him

a standing ovation.
Though Gascoigne played a part, Boro's win was built on a commanding performance in defence, notably by Gary Pal-lister, and quick, incisive attacking

That was evident in two goals in seven minutes from Hamilton Ricard midway through the first half which set up a win confirmed with a late strike from Vladimir Kinder That earned Boro their first win at White Hart Lane since 1979 and their second away win in five days. It lifted them a dozen places to sixth, Spurs drop to 12th.

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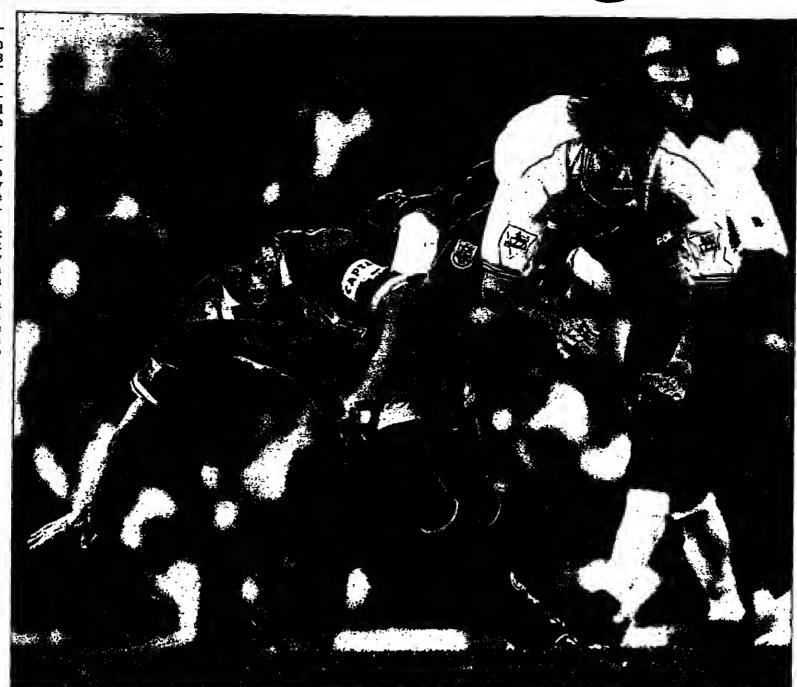
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While Boro grew in confidence as the game progressed Tottenham became increasingly fraught, their passing hurried and wayward as their fans communicated their dissatisfaction to the pitch. The defeat, the performance and the empty spaces in the ground all increase the pressure on Alan Sugar to find a new manager, his sixth in seven seasons, following the departure of Chris-

They had begun with the five-man midfield that brought Blackburn and rekindled mem: "tured forward after 13 minutes ories of David Pleat's first spell and almost scored. Andy at the club. Then, however, he had Glenn Hoddle and Chris Waddle providing the chances and Clive Allen converting them. Now, with Darren Anderton injured, the resources are less impressive. After an



Like Spurs in general, Nicola Berti takes a tumble from Andy Townsend's tackle at White Hart Lane yesterday

David Ashdown

Clemence should have made more of, Spurs looked short of penetration. With David Ginola well marshalled by Giantuca Festa they resorted to high balls which Boro's heavyweight central defence dealt with easily.

Middlesbrough, having conaction save from Espen Baard- dropped Ramon Vega, the butt sen after Mikkel Beck's of the Spurs crowd and perdummy and Stephen Carr ceived defensive weakness, bravely blocked Dean Gordon's must have been interesting as follow-up.

Beck twice went close on the stitutes' bench.

early break, which Stephen break then Ricard took a long A tame free-kick from Ginoground pass from Pallister, lost Colin Calderwood through a one-two with Beck, and rolled the ball past Baardsen. The ball-watching Calderwood failed to learn and, seven minutes later he was again left standing as Ricard received a played a one-two with Beck, and thumped the ball past Baard-Townsend brought a sharp re- sen. The thoughts of the

Nicola Berti. he sat watching from the sub-

la and a header over from Les Ferdinand were all Tottenham could muster in response before the break Pleat then changed the team, bringing on Chris Armstrong, but it had littie effect. Beck, finally looking through Baardsen's bands the player his reputation sug-England two years ago, brought two further saves from Baardsen before, after 69 min- parture, said the win, and perutes, Mark Schwarzer was fi-

brough might have wobbled why he had again brought him but instead they began to play off early, but said: "I was

ever more expansively with Gascoigne making the occasional memory-jerking run forward. Eventually he departed but it brought no respite for Spurs as his replacement, Kinder, drove a 20-yard shot

within minutes of coming on. the recent criticism of his club following Paul Merson's deformance, underlined his nally stretched, saving from players' professionalism. He added that Gascoigne was still A goal then and Middles- building his fitness which was

delighted with his performance. he had a lot of possession and worked hard. We lacked purpose, imagi-

nation, conviction, leadership and speed of movement," said

Gents: Ricard (24) 0-1; Ricard (31) 0-2, Kinder (87) 0-3, Testmoham Hossour (4-5-1): Pasarton

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Villa step reluctantly into the spotlight

NO DWIGHT YORKE, no Stan Collymore. Yet Aston Villa lead the Premiership after taking 13 points from their opening five matches. Some contrast from last season, when by this stage they had only three points, stood 19th in the table and Brian Littie's future as manager was already being questioned.

Naturally, after watching their team repeatedly underachieve lately, Holte Enders now see exciting visions of a season in which Manchester United, Liverpool, Arsenal and the rest are the also-rans. Naturally, John Gregory plays down such notions. He confessed to finding it all "a bit

"The expectation level is going to go up another notch

Wimbledon

we can deal with that," he said. "As they come along, every game will take on greater importance because we want to stay where we are. It is going to make it that much harder for us over the next few weeks."

Gregory admits he had rather enjoyed being unnoticed. Although Villa have an extraordinary record under his management - 13 wins, one draw and two defeats in the 16 matches since he took over from Little in February - their form has not, until now, been widely appreciated.

Last season, Villa won nine after this and we have to see if of their last 11 matches, but tain a meaningful challenge

sneaked into the Uefa Cup by finishing seventh that it was acknowledged that their form over the last 10 weeks of the season

had been better than anyone's. But now they have extended the sequence by another four wins out of five, there is nowhere to hide. The dark horses are exposed and even Gregory does not know whether they can live with that exposure.

"We have kept out of the spotlight and got on with our jobs," he said. "Since Dwight Yorke left the club we have blended into the background and that has suited us quite nicely." Villa have a test looming at

Leeds next week but the real measure of their ability to sus-

given that they started the run. will not come until November Middlesbrough last month but could be identified as genuinein 15th place it was not until they and December, when they face Liverpool, Manchester United and Arsenal in consecutive home games before Christmas.

They were helped on Saturday by the generosity of referee David Elleray, who awarded them two penaltics before halftime. Neither was converted but the second led to a goal anyway, Paul Merson putting away the rebound after his own kick had

been parried by Neil Sullivan. It gave the former Middlesbrough forward, for whom Gregory paid £6.75m last week, something to crow about on what was otherwise a fairly quiet debut and saved the manager from potential embarrassment after Alan Thompson had driven the first one wide.

was so impressive, apparently, in a spot-kick practice session on Friday that Gregory insisted he should take any penalties given, even though Lee Hendrie had scored a decisive one against Newcastle last Wednesday. Merson insisted on taking the second himself.

Wimbledon were happy with neither decision, especially since the second led to Carl Leaburn being sent off after pulling down Ugo Ehiogu. Because of a colour clash, David Elleray, the referee, had to run the game wearing a borrowed Villa sweat shirt, an irony that did not escape the Dons' manager, Joe Kinnear.

But, even with Leaburn on the field, Wimbledon had pro-Thompson missed against duced almost nothing that

ly positive intent and there was Joschim, who had won the first of the penalties, supplied the cross from which Ian Taylor secured the home side's points against a 10-man Wimbledon whose fighting spirit, so splendidly to the fore in last week's astonishing win over West Ham, was this time absent.

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Miserable Blackburn Radebe stands proud

FEW MANAGERS have more experience of international foothall than Blackburn's Roy Hodgton, and he will need to draw on Il of it to restore the confidence of his side in time for tomorrow's Uefa Cup tie against Lyons.

"The mood in the dressing room is pretty miserable," he said. That was not surprising. Blackburn's performance was even more miserable than the result suggests.

"We didn't do very well individually and we were well beaten," Hodgson said. "Perhaps it was an off day or perhaps we just met a very good Sheffield Wednesday.

We have to make certain today becomes history very quickly. The players have to start believing in themselves

That will be a tall order given that only one clear-cut chance came their way - and that after Juan Cobian gave the ball away to Kevin Davies. With only the goalkeeper to

BY PHIL ANDREWS

Sheffield Wednesday Blackburn Rovers

home in Sheffield with a £7,25m reputation to live up to, shot straight at Kevin Pressman. It was the nearest Blackburn came to salvaging anything from

a match Wednesday would have won by a much wider margin but for their usual failing - the in-ability to put away their chances. Their forwards fluffed so many easy ones that in the end

to demonstrate the art of goalscoring the spectacular way. Peter Atherton was first up with a cracking volley from the edge of the box after Blackburn's wobbly post-Hendry defence failed to clear Paolo di

Canio's cross. Andy Hinchcliffe was next, curling in a 25-yard free kick after a typical weaving run by Di Canio was ended by a Tim Sherwood tackle which was vigorous beat the young striker, back, but looked perfectly fair.

With Wim Jonk and Petter and Di Canio and his compatriot Benito Carbone running rings round Blackburn's defenders, Wednesday continued to squander chances at regular intervals until the Italians combined three minutes from the end to make the scoreline a fairer reflection of Wednesday's

dominance. The Wednesday manager, Danny Wilson, said: "Our performance in the first half was our best of the season." a midfielder and a defender had

He ought not to get carried away. It may be a long time before they meet another side as poor as Blackburn were. Geals: Atherton (18) 1-0; Hinchcliffe (33) 2-0; Di Canio (87) 3-0. 2-0: Di Canio (87) 3-0. Sheffineld Wattsware (4-4-2): Pressman; Cobian (Barrett, 70). Emerson, Malker, Hincheliffer, Rudi, Jonk, Carbone, Acheron: Sooth, Di Carlo (Shneth, Sil), Soferstlanter see used: Clarife (81), Whighington, Hyde, Stackbarn Rosses (4-4-2): Flowers, Korn, Henchez, Pescock, Croft: Darly, Sherwood, McKillang, Duff (Wilcox, 81); Surron, Davies, Sebattlathan out used: Flam (gd), Pitcroft, Anderson, Johnson.

LUCAS RADEBE'S last visit to BY NEIL BRAMWELL Rudi outstanding in midfield Goodison Park was not a happy occasion. Two reckless and clumsy hunges brought a firsthalf red card and gifted Everton three invaluable points.

That was just 10 games ago in mid-April and times have changed. With three competent World Cup games under his belt for South Africa and another few months of George Graham's influence, the new Radebe is a revelation.

"He's outstanding-one of the best defenders in the Premiership. He has got better and better and is one of the best tacklers in the game," enthused Graham, after his Leeds side had achieved their fourth shut-out in five games. "He had a lot of bookings in the last year or so but he has not been booked this year."

With Robert Molenaar, his central defensive partner, accepting the unenviable task of patrolling Duncan Ferguson, Radehe was allowed a more passive role, mopping up any threat. The fact that they were

Leeds United a rarity was as much down to the tried and tested Graham defensive formula as any Everton

shortcomings in attack. The Leeds manager recogchampionship challenging outfit, despite their accomplished start to the season. This could not have been better illustrated than in a patchy and uninspired performance. Leeds looked even less likely to break Everton down after the dismissal of Olivier Dacourt early in the second half, for two

avoidable bookable offences "I have been told there is money available. But it is probably the wrong time to be looking, it should have been in the summer," Graham argued. "What quality players are available now?"

. Enough chances were created for a conifortable victory yet

Nigel Martyn's two real moments of worry were a Beckham-like lob from more than 40 yards by Alex Cleland and a similar long-range teaser from John

Collins. Walter Smith's attempts

to land Ibrahima Bakayako, the

Ivory Coast striker, will be no

less urgent following this display. The immediate problem lies nises that this is not yet a in the most effective deployment of Nicky Barmby. In theory, he should complement Ferguson but in practice Barmby tends to drift into a deeper supporting role, leaving Ferguson to shoulder the hurden of Everton's direct approach. Smith's summer acquisitions have produced a more obdurate outfit, but one still lacking a wide distraction

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Referee takes the shine off Derby day

WHEN DRAWN on the subject of referee Mike Reed's performance, Jim Smith chose his words carefully. No wrath, just anxiety. "It was worry ing," the Derby County man ager said.

No wonder. Five of seven bookings collected by Derby players including their key defender Igor Stimac, who is on track for suspension after his fourth yellow card in as many matches. Smith, at 57, the elder statesman of Premiership managers and soon to be honoured by the Football Writers' Association, shook his head wearily.

Smith could have said that he does not know what the game is coming to but long experience teaches discretion.

Stimac was more forthright. Standing in the press room following the 2-1 victory at Charlton that raised unbeaten Derby to fourth place, he expressed understandable confusion. "Referees should be looking for bad fouls, not things that don't really matter," he said.

Apart from Reed's fussy interpretation of the laws, there was his apparent indifference to Eddie Youds' rough-housing in Derby's goalmouth at corner kicks referees are supposed to be keeping their eyes on what goes on in there," Smith said and the dubious 89th minute penalty converted by Clive Mendonca that brought Derby

under beavy pressure. When a manager of Smith's standing expresses concern about an issue that goes beyond inconsistency, it is surely time for the appropriate authorities take police.

However, in finding themselves in danger of giving up two points, Derby had only themselves to blame. A goal up after only five minntes when Paulo Wanchope clinically finished off a four-pass move that shredded Charlton's defence, they should have doubled the two-goal lead that came on the hour from Francesco Baiano's elegant free-kick

Wanchope was the principal culprit, choosing extravagance over simplicity - a fault that might cause Smith to tear out his hair if he had any

Chariton's second successive defeat, after an encouraging start to their Premiership adventure, freshened the question of whether they are good enough to con-

"The players aren't down," their manager, Alan Curbishley, said. "They know we played better against Manchester United than the score suggested and deserved more than we got today. Look at how



KEN **JONES**

many terrific saves their goal-

keeper made. We'll be alright." The trouble is that Charlton have begun to leak goals. Four at Old Trafford last week, two more against Derby, who were never really at their best. The return of Richard Rufus from suspension will strengthen Charlton's back line, but they are seriously short of pace in vital positions. "I'm looking around." Curbishley added. "hat the time to make judgements will be when we have

played 10 games." Derby are now where Charlton would like to be. Established in the Premiership with a blend of youth and experience, the result of Smith's astute team-building. Perhaps Wanchope will remain too fitful, Dean Sturridge too much of a promiser, but their growing confidence was evident in a formation that had Wanchope, Sturridge and Baiano as attackers.

The risks Derby are prepared to take emphasises the trust placed in Stimac, whose astute interceptions frustrated Charlton as much as Russell Hoult's reliable goalkeeping.

ariion were more hu and puff than purposeful, their eagerness to get wide undermined by poor deliveries from promising positions. Paul Mortimer's introduction improved their chances, his pass to Mendonca leading to another fine save. The downside of this substitution came when Mortimer was caught in possession, enabling Derby to spring a counter attack that brought a free-kick on the front edge of

Chariton's penalty area. Baiano had a look, then curled a shot into the top-left corner Shortly afterwards. the Italian was taken off. Its eems Jim Smith can now afford such luxuries.

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Italian Grand Prix: German levels championship race as the power of the Prancing Horse leaves McLaren trailing

Schumacher takes his revenge

BY DERICK ALLSOP in Monza

THE MOSAIC of humanity stretched along the track as far as the eye could see and a huge banner, bearing the Prancing Horse, shimmied at its heart. No crowd celebrates success like this crowd and no success could have been more precious than

Michael Schumacher, hanishing the traumas of Spa, and Eddie Irvine gave Ferrari and their faithful their first 1-2 triumph at Formula One's cathedral for a decade - and a little bit more.

Mika Hakkinen's struggle to fourth place in the Italian Grand Prix here yesterday left him ahead of Schumacher in the championship only because he has two second places to the Germans one. They are level on points and wins with two races remaining, at the Nurburgring and Suzuka.

Schumacher, who lost the opportunity of overtaking Hakkinen when he crashed into the back of the Finn's McLaren-Mercedes teammate, David Coulthard, in Belgium, a fortnight earlier, feared he had compounded his plight by throwing away the advantage of pole position.

His sluggish start relegated him to fifth while Hakkinen swung wide and into the lead, covered hy Coulthard. Schumacher quickly negotiated Jacques Villeneuve's Williams and was allowed through to third place by his dutiful partner.

Schumacher chased after the McLarens with characteristic determination, but although he made ground it became clear the fastest man on the circuit was Coulthard. The Scot duly took over at the front and pulled away with ominous ease.

Coulthard, winner of this race last year, was already contemplating a repeat. However, on the 17th lap his engine blew and he parked his broken car at the side of the road.

Hakkinen and Schumacher plunged into the trailing clouds and anxiously jockeyed for position. The Ferrari attacked at the chicane, the McLaren resisted, but lost momenturn in the process and could not off the track. match Schumachers acceleration at



The Ferrari team begin their celebrations after Michael Schumacher and Eddie Irvine achieved a 1-2 at Monza yesterday

Simon Wilkinson/Empics

nen was able to retaliate after their caught and passed by Irvine, and macher enacted the leap of joy he pit stops. He had closed the gap to then by Schumacher's younger had doubtless been rehearsing in his 2.6 seconds with eight laps left when he pushed a little too hard and spun gratefully making it to the line.

brother, Ralf, in a Jordan, before

The expressions of dismay in the To his credit, he managed to McLaren camp told the story of the unfair what happened in Spa it will to get up to third and try to catch the scramble back into the race day as graphically as the jubilation be equalised in Monza and she was McLarens. When David's engine Schumacher's course seemed although now his objective was in the Ferrari pits and out there in right," Schumacher said. "She is 74 blew it was impossible to see and we tenths of a second a lap. It's one thing braking problem on his Sauber.

mind two weeks earlier. His fortunes had turned full circle.

"My grandmother said if it was

straightforward enough, yet Hakki- survival rather than victory. He was the gallery and on the track. Schu- years old but she is clever. She watches the races and talks to me

afterwards. I will speak to her later. "At the start it looked like I wanted to go for a walk instead of a race. It was terrible. But I was able

both slowed down big time. It was very dangerous. Mika lost it into the chicane and then closed the door, but I was able to out accelerate him

coming out of the chicane. "I wasn't really worried when he cause it was only by a couple of

to catch a car here, another to get past it.

"When he went off it certainly made it a lot easier for me and thanks to Eddie and Raif, who caught him as well, we are now level on points in the champions

Hakkinen, who led by 16 points only three races back, was unhappy with the handling of his car in the first half of the race and ultima had to contend with the handicap of failing brakes.

He said: "That was the reason for my high speed spin. I was lucky to come out of that without staling. While I was spinning I was thinking this will mean zero points'. Fortunately I managed to keep going and score three points. Up to then I was reeling in Michael. I am confident and still very positive, and will fight to win the championship."

Coulthard has had more than his share of bad luck this season and the long walk back from the country exposed him to more abuse from Ferrari's fans still blaming him for the collision with Schumacher at Spa. However, there was some

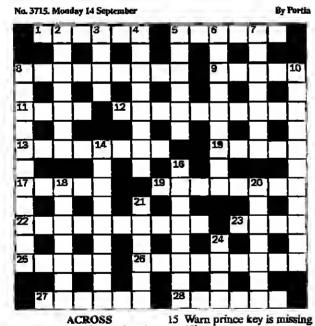
He said. "I thought it was going to be an easy win but I've tiad jots like that this year When I was walking back the sans were a lift aggressive so I stopped and want to them and talked to them. I think it helped rebuild bridges that wer demaged. I must have stopped \$5 : times and not one of them refused. to shake hands. Even in a different language, we were able to commit nicate and it felt really good."

Jean Alesi was fifth for Sauber and Damon Hill, winner to Belgian. contributed another point to Jordan's coffers with sixth place. His team are: now just two points behind thing placed Williams in the construction tors' championship.

"This is a great result on the back of Spa," said Hill, who started 14th on the grid and gambled on a twostop strategy. "It was always going to be difficult but we seem to be going from strength to strength. We must take the award for the most improved team of the season."

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Boro put the Merson saga behind them FOOTBALL

dlesbrough captain, laid the Paul Merson saga to rest after his side had taken Tottenham apart 3-0 at White Hart Lane yesterday.

Two first-half goals from the Colombian striker, Hamilton Ricard, set the Teessiders on their way to victory, the Slova-

the third near the end, following a dreadful mistake by the Spurs goalkeeper, Espen Baardsen

"We all know Paul has not said anything bad about us," Townsend said after the game. "He is a great lad who enjoyed kian, Vladimir Kinder, scoring his time at Middlesbrough and

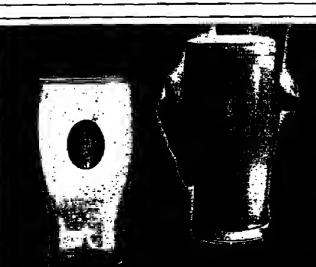
good luck to him. We are just yesterday that the former Boro getting on with our job." for family and friends at the

Not surprisingly, Ricard took the Sky TV award for man of the match and was awarded the champagne in a presentation ceremony during which he uttered the only words of English he appeared to know. "Liverpool, brilliant, pleased," he said.

Riverside Stadium only last month. He paid £60,000 for \$ three-year lease and now stands to make an instant profit. "We have a waiting list of book who want this box," a Boro spokesman said vesterday. As for Merson, it transpired Spurs misery, page 29

man bought an executive box

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He's a JOLLY DECENT chap $but isn't his book {\tt abit self-congratulatory?}$

smarter Sloane Avenue. I arrive early which is good, because it shows me for the fine professional I am - but rather dirty, which is not so good, obviously. A quick coffee round the corner had, I am afraid, ended with most of it spilling down my trousers. My trousers are a very pale blue. The coffee is a very dark

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> brown. You get the picture, I think
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> Anyway, Chris Patten - the man once tipped for leadership of the Tory party, the former Governor of Hong Kong - and now on the board of The Independent, among other, less important things, like presiding over the policing review in Northern Ireland – arrives around 15 minutes late (hurrah!), but appears spotlessly clean (not so hurrah). Of course, I immediately apologise excessively for my appearance, adding that I was going to dash in for a new pair of trousers, but the shops around here! Paul Smith! Issey Miyake! Whistles! Super-chic shops which, I confess, I lack sufficient courage to enter.

Perhaps, I continue, if I earned more money I might feel more entitled. Perhaps, Mr Patten, this is something you might even like to raise at the next Independent board meeting? I could dictate something suitable, if you like.

Mr Patten laughs. "Ha!" be goes. It is just a

single, loud bark of a "Ha!" I say he is possibly not taking me as seriously as he might. Would you like to see the hole in my left sock? "No!" he pries. I make to undo my shoelaces. "Stop." he fries, worriedly. To be sure, I have his attention now, but do not think I have especially impressed him. Still, no matter. I have heard there are jobs going on Stained Pants Monthly, which doesn't exist yet, but will, I am convinced, become Britain's biggest-selling stained pants magazine, once I get around to launching it.

Maurice takes us to our table. Maurice, the

maître d', turns out to be a big fan of Patten, who comes here a lot. "My very favourite politician," Maurice tells me later "And his daughters! So beautiful!" As you may recall, Laura, the oldest of Chris's three daughters, caused a press sensation when she first accompanied her father to just as well have been "Hunger Pang". He loves Hong Kong in a mini-skirt that, had it been any mini-er would not have had much point to it. Chris was shocked by the attention she received, but what could he do?

riously for the birds, don't you think? Clothing is one of the ways in which children parade their independence, isn't it?"

Chris does not rate himself physically. "I was once described by a girifriend's mother as 'humpy with a fringe', which pretty much sums it up, and I've put on a stone or two since then. I do hate my daft hair. So lank. It's like some-

one's dropped a bit of cardboard on my head." Oh, come now Christopher, I protest. You are a wonderfully attractive man with, if I may say so, a seriously enviable and lovely hair-do. Plus, while we're about it, you're not that fat and your book on your time in Hong Kong, East and West, is a truly magnificent achievement and your little



DEBORAH ROSS INTERVIEW

speech to the board might go something like: "It aeems to me that if someone of Miss Ross's unquestionable talent has to turn up nastily caffeine-stained, in trousers which might have been nastily cheap to start with, we must be seriously undervaluing her..." Chris goes "Ha!" Maurice goes: "Would you like some soda water on a cloth to clear up that... um... mess." I decline his wellintentioned offer: As the future editor of Stained Ponts, I have my appearance to think of

We concentrate on the menu. Chris is seriously interested in food and wine. In Hong Kong. he was known as "Fatty Pang", although it could his grub and, yes, will cook just for himself. He is good, he says, at "porky little omelettes", and "T've been known to cook a decent daube". He is working on his risotto. "Lavender [his wife]

unchtime in Bibendum, a smart Conran eatery situated on a corner of vened, and lowered her hemline. But that's seit happens, will be a TV documentary on the the new rules be did manage to bring
the new rules be did manage to bring. cookery writer Elizabeth David: "The woman who convinced Britain it was not socially unacceptable to have gartic." He had 45 servants in Hong Kong, which was jolly nice, but he did miss

doing the supermarket run. Did he miss anything else while away? British telly, perhaps? "Oh no. I only watch half an hour of television a week, at most." So you didn't have to have EastEnders couriered out to you? "Certainly not. Although I did have tapes sent out of Blind Date, for which I do seem to have a certain weakness."

Maurice is hovering to take our order. Chris orders herring as a starter then, after some consultation with Maurice - "Tell me, which of the main courses are the least fattening?" - the lamb. Are we having wine, I ask. Perhaps just a glass, says Chris, "because I have to perform after". Does Levender know, I enquire. Or is it going

to be a surprise? "Tve got more interviews to do," he stresses. He settles for a half bottle of something white at £13.95. He says: "You will get reimbursed for this, won't you?" I say, Chris, it doesn't matter if I don't. I mean, it's not like my son minds never having new shoes, or living on bread scraped with Stork, or anything. He says: "You will let me know if there is a problem, won"t you?" I think he's scared I'm going to try showing him my sock again.

Seriously now, Chris Pattern is, actually, VERY GOOD COMPANY and TERRIBLY BRIGHT and seems EXTREMELY DECENT, considering he's mostly only been a politician. Yes, I noted he needed reading glasses to study the menu. No, I didn't put the above flattering adjectives in capitals just so that, when he sees this, they'll jump out at him. I did it because I simply wanted to stress his GREAT QUALITIES and because, after consideration, I have decided that the market for Stoined Ponts Monthly might prove limited.

However, when it comes to his book, Pm not so are. The subject - the handing over of the world's eighth largest trading economy to one of the most repressive governments in the world - is certainly a FASCINATING one. And Chris Patten's five years as the last governor were not without controversy.

Still, the book does come across, to my mind at least, as a little activistic and self-serving, a sort the new rules be did manage to bring in, even though the Chinese undid them the moment the British left.

And while Jonathan Dimbleby's book on the subject - The Last Governor - named the names of his Foreign Office enemies, Patten's book does not.

How come? "Because," replies Chris, "I did not want to write a kiss 'n' tell. Plus, it would not have been fair to the people in Hong Kong who are still there. I know I've been criticised for not throwing more dirt at people, but it just isn't my style." Chris does seem to have INTEGRITY DEFINITELY

Of course, one can't help wondering where Chris Patten would be now if, in 1992, he had not pulled off that extraordinary double whammy as chairman of the Conservatives, he saw electoral victory of the party, but lost his own seat in Bath by 3,000 votes. Where do you think you'd be now, Chris, if you'd hung on to it? "Oh, I'd probably be shadow minister for bits and bobs, or on the back benches, like Heseltine and Ken

Not Tory leader, then? No, he says. "I was always too centre left." What do you think of William Hague? "I think his shares will go up in time." Blair? "A great operator, although I'm not so sure he's a man of ideas." New Labour in general? "I think they're good at politics, although the jury is out on whether they are good at governing. Plus, the spin doctoring is very tiresome. It makes one sympathetic to Roy Hattersley, which seems an unlikely way to end one's political life." Has your political life ended? "Well We'll see." A little vague, but WELL PUT, SIR!

Chris Patten's father, Frank, was a jazz drummer turned popular music publisher, who met Chris's mother, Joan, at a dance at the Rougemont Hotel, Essex. Frank was "a happy, genial man, calorifically challenged, like me", while Joan was "very preity, and curvaceous, and glamorous, and well-dressed. I always felt proud of her on sports days".

Chris was brought up a Catholic, and remains very much a Catholic. However, "while my religious beliefs form an important part of my life, I am not a rosary clanker

Do you go to confession and all that? "Yes."

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Blaming Clinton

Sir. There is much that one could agree with in Jean Bethke Elshtain's commentary "The moral trust between the people and their President" (12 September), and the breach of trust in the standard of behaviour one expects from an American president. However, she does not comment on one of the underlying premises that promoted this disastrous scenario into the public realm in the first place. This of course concerns Starr's behaviour as special prosecutor.

After four years of investigation, with a reputed figure of \$40m spent, the inquiry disclosed nothing of importance - no financial irregularities, no swindles in deepest Arkansas until finally the president was nailed on his one well known and previously virtually admitted

failing.
It is this – the central legitimacy of the investigation - and the drawing of a net so wide until finally something discreditable crawled into view that leaves many with a sense of the disproportionate outcome that has followed from a reckless and reprehensible sexual liaison. Understandably, though perhaps unwisely, this was initially denied by Clinton. He may have only himself to hlame but it hardly brings any honour on to the man who may prove to be his Nemesis. RICHARD DE ZOYSA South Bank University Division of Politics London SE1

Sir: Whatever one may think of his kinky sexual behaviour, whether or not he's lied about having had extra-marital sex as all men do, the President does not deserve to be ridiculed and humiliated in this manner. If there is a legal case to be made, let Congress decide, hut on evidence other than cigars and nuts and fondled breasts.

I am absolutely amazed and appalled by the hysterical tone you and other British broadsheets have adopted in commenting on . this case which - whatever the lucid details incredibly enough published on the Internet (simply in order to inflict maximum personal damage on Bill Clinton) ~ is essentially political. LUDWIG RANG London NW3

Sir: Bill Clinton may be a clown but there are worse faults. Like hypocrisy through malice, not fear.

Moral hysteria when our weakness is mirrored demeans us

URSULA WARWICK Borehamwood, Hertfordshire

Sir: If Kenneth Starr had investigated some of our past monarchs or prime ministers, one wonders how many boxes of evidence he would have produced. Hundreds, I suspect. His evidence on Henry VIII would have required a whole fleet of vans to carry it. The phrase "Only in America"

springs to mind. The Congress are publishing unchallenged evidence of witnesses who have not been cross-examined by the defence team. This seems to contravene basic human right to a fair trial.

Ulster weapons

PAUL WALTER

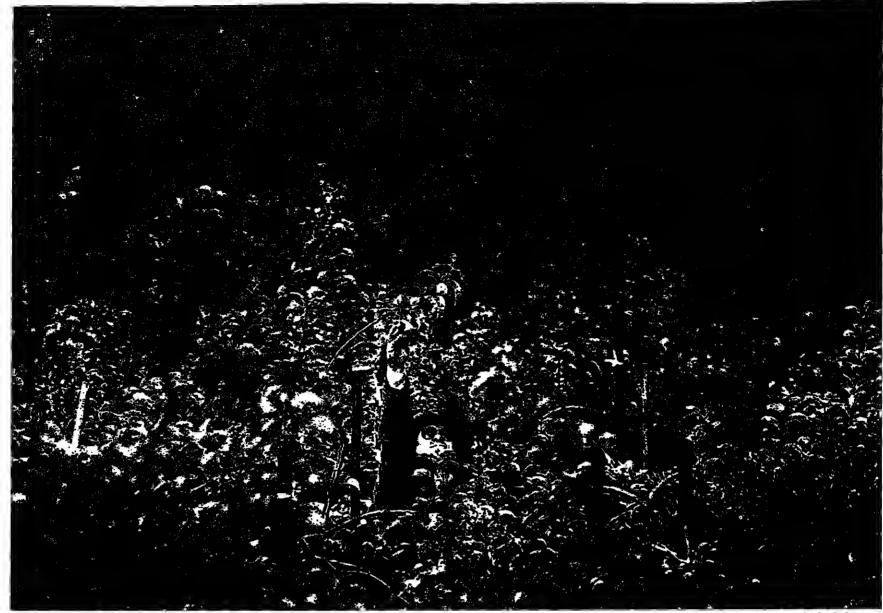
Newbury, Berkshire

Sir: Your leading article "Now three cheers for peace are in order" (11 September) adds to the view that it looks as if paramilitary groups which entered the peace process as a more sophisticated way of subverting Northern Ireland, may themselves have been subverted and drawn into a democratic process.

It is highly likely, however, that there will be more deaths from terrorism as the Continuity IRA picks up hard-line recruits and seeks to prove its capacity. In essence, however, the deadly dynamic of "mainstream" terrorism seems to have been

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Apples and Pears 1: In the first of a series on the British apple and pear harvest, Simon Elworthy picks one of the last apples in one of his fields at Plumford Farm, Kent. Last year was a disaster for fruit-farmers after a late frost destroyed half of the apple and pear crops. This year - thanks to a fine May and plenty of rain - a bumper crop is expected

War on drugs combined with the murders of the

destroyed by the Omagh atrocity

the most important test of

paramilitary intentions and a

weapons such as semtex and

heavy machine guns - offends

development of a new political

probably makes it împossible

politically for David Trimble to

share an executive with Sinn Fein.

Such illegal munitions could also

be captured by ultra-republican

renegades to fuel the "war" of a

recurring IRA. After all, it seems

that the detonators used by the

Real IRA in the Omagh atrocity

came from Provo arms dumps.

Decommissioning has been

honourably fudged so far, but it

must be delivered to consolidate

task of reconciliation between a

people who have been bitterly

normalise Northern Ireland to

it could simmer until a later

HARRY BARNES MP

(Derbyshire NE, Lab)

House of Commons

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those who are anxious to

the peace and enable the next big

divided by violence over the last 30

years. The worst thing would be for

think it is all over and put Northern

Ireland on the back burner where

Joint President, New Dialogue

Sir. Why are people so concerned if

David Trimble (and others before

him) shook the hand of Gerry

handshake was to demonstrate

that the weapon hand was empty.

Adams? The origin of the

culture in Northern Ireland and

democratic politics, stultifies the

guard against the resurgence of

The retention of paramilitary

arsenals-particularly "offensive"

three small Quinn brothers. Yet an Sir: Three of your correspondents eye to history should remind one of (8 September) rightly decry the cruel, stupid and wholly misnamed the dangers of a "recurring IRA". It is why decommissioning remains "War on Drugs".

> As ever, our government sycophantically follows and applauds the United States, where most of the enthusiasm for waging this "war" comes from. I wonder what they consider to be the "enemy" exactly? Is it those who take drugs? Is it the substances themselves? Or is it simply that governments generally don't like the idea of their citizens getting high, no matter how responsibly?

Perhaps we would do better to declare a cease-fire in this nonsensical war, which is in any event being lost, and instead see how we can begin to minimise by more peaceful means the undisputed misery that often arises in connection with prohibition and substance abuse. This will require vision and courage on the part of our leaders:

correspondent Helen Womack

Sir: Where did your

to serve in the army"

(Samotechny Lane, 8

they liked it or not.

Some fought with

the brutality and anti-

and NCOs.

conspicuous gallantry Others

deserted, preferring to take

their chances as prisoners of

the Turks after experiencing

My own great-grandfather,

landing on these shores (on

advertised for Crimean war

Tyneside) saw a dinner

vision to see a better path forward and courage to risk the disapproval of the Americans and conservative Middle-Englanders who protest loudly at the thought of any policy shift. A Royal Commission would be a good first step and is urgently needed.

With the enormous amounts of money involved in the drugs trade, there are some powerful vested interests keen to maintain the status quo. What drug baron wants to see his profits disappear with legalisation? And what government agency director wants to see his job and influence vanish?

Ronald and Nancy Reagan famously exhorted us to "Just say No." Perhaps it is time to reflect on the words of another American, Timothy Leary, who replied: "Just say Know." RÓBIN PRIOR Southall, Middlesex

Sir: As a chemist, I found your article on black cocaine (report, 8 September) to be particularly

armising. Heavy-handed government agencies are fighting an unjust war against plants and plant by-products that are in high demand. It stands to reason that producers and consumers will seek better alternatives in concealment.

Rocket science

Sir. As every schoolboy knows the

steam locomotive was invented by

Richard Trevithickin 1804, and so

claim to fame ("Rail historians

give Stephenson the rocket", 11

September) rather misses the

Stephenson was "so important

to our heritage" because of his creation of the role of the railway

engineer, taking responsibility for

all aspects of a line's construction

That be adopted and adapted

the work of his predecessors as

made some mistakes in the new

territory of railway building and

that he was eventually surpassed

in brilliance by his son Robert - all

these charges made by those

indulging in the fashionable

practice of so-called myth-

Britain's - and the world's -

undermine his contribution to

Sir: George Stephenson never

claimed to have invented the

railway locomotive; it is only

The first steam railway

George's first. Another early

William Hedley close to

locomotive was built in 1811 by

given him that accolade.

latterday popular belief that has

locomotive was built by Richard

Trevithick in 1803, 11 years before

Stephenson's home and he would

have been familiar with this, too.

known as the "father of railways"

for his energy in promoting them

throughout this country and

Europe. MICHAEL MESSENGER

Cardiff

Stephenson does deserve to be

debunking" do nothing to

industrial development.

GORDON DUFF

South Yorkshire

Sheffield

locomotive engineers, that he

and operation.

For the past few years, I have been studying biochemistry and believe that all the tools needed to end this vicious war on drugs are in the hands of scientists. We have the means available to find the genes responsible for production of almost any chemical in plants. We can now copy these genes and introduce them into other plant species (yes, we call it cloning). In a few short years, the drug warriors could be attempting to eradicate new varieties of maize; let's call them

"corncaine" and "corniluana". The governments fight with lies, coercion, and violence. The intellectuals fight with ideas and information. History will choose

DANNY TERWEY Santa Cruz, California

IN BRIEF

get the idea that "In Tsarist times, Jews were not allowed veterans, and went along getting his name in the local paper as the "War Veteran September)? Many, including from the Other Side". my great-grandfather, were CHARLES POTTINS pressed into the army whether London NW10

Sir: You estimate that 2.5 million people in this country can be classified as compulsive shoppers and that there are "Compulsive Shopping Clinics" where these people Semitism of the Tsarist officers can be treated ("Shop till you drop - a modern disease". 11 September).

Do any of your readers have any idea how I might go about obtaining a concession to

operate a retail outlet in the foyer of one of these clinics? Mrs YVONNE JOHNSTON London SE3

Sir: On Thursday of last week Julian Barnes' new novel (England, England, Jonathan Cape) was published featuring a newspaper-owning tycoon who buys Manchester United Football Club and relocates them to a tourist park on the Isle of Wight, along with the Royal Family, The Times newspaper, the white cliffs of Dover and Princess Diana's

Is there something Mr Murdoch isn't telling us? GEORGE CROZIER London E3

Serbian sanctions?

Sir: In 1991, when hundreds of thousands of Iraqi Kurds were facing death in the mountains of Turkey and Iran, Mrs Thatcher said, "This is no time for legal niceties" - something must be

Two hundred and seventy thousand Kosovan Albanian refugees are facing a similar fate this winter. It is an outrage that this government, having trumpeted its ethical foreign policy, is not willing to join its European partners in putting even modest pressure on Milosevic through air sanctions. but instead shelters behind the legal nicety of a 1959 international sirline agreement with Yugoslavia. Dr JOHN FORAN London SW6

Sir: Britain is blocking air sanctions on Serbia because we cannot tear up an agreemen signed in 1959 with Yugoslavia. Is it normal for agreements with a country to be transferred to a province if that province subsequently leaves? Do agreements signed by the British government prior to the break-un of the Empire apply to all one-time members of the Empire?

If that is the best reason that the Foreign Office can come up with. then they are either being bloodyminded or incompetent. JOHN HALL Telford. Shropshire

Sir: I was disgusted to read that the British government refuses to place a ban on the official Xugoslavian airline. With the horrors of Bosnia in the process of being repeated in Kosovo, the action of Britain in not supporting the EU is indirectly providing support to the activities of the Yugoslavian authorities.

Although Orthodox myself, I am totally against the ethnic cleansing that is occurring. As a British citizen, I find the inaction of the Government a disgrace. Dr ROBERT BLAKYTNY Umed, Sweden

Labour NEC vote

Sir: Your leader ("A hlatant insult", 11 September) refers to the "deliberate leaking of the interim results of the ballot of party members for their National Executive". There are no such your story on George Stenhenson's interim results.

The integrity of this ballot for six of the new 32-place NEC is absolute and the conduct of our internal elections is beyond reproach. No party officials are involved in monitoring the outcome or have any access to returns. Any speculation on the result is nothing more than guesswork.

The ballot is being conducted by a reputable and highly respected independent scrutineer, Unity Security Balloting Services, who have conducted leadership and NEC ballots for the party since

Unlike the Conservatives, who have conducted their own ballots without even knowing their full membership and have never conducted internal elections by national ballot, Labour is a democratic and participatory party. DAVID GARDNER Assistant General Secretary The Labour Party London SW1

Live issue

Sir. I am fed up with opponents (and occasionally supporters) of animal experiments using the word "vivisection" as a catch-all, vivisection; putting lipstick on a re-Having my tonsils out was is not. Most animal experiments involve no cutting of live animals. and if I was doing experimental surgery on a live animal large or small, I would make damn sure it was unconscious. The infliction of pain on an experimental animal is. no help to anyone.

Let's put a stop to this painful mutilation of the truth. DAVID RIDGE London N19

The battle of the egos on radio has become a turn-off

THE OTHER day in the Telegraph Oliver Pritchett was listing some of the main landmarks in his daily domestic life, and named one as leaping-to-turn-off-the-Today-programme.

I know what he means. I have that moment myself. Every day. It usually comes when one of the presenters says, "and we'll have the minister himself here to reply to those questions in a moment^.

That is a moment to avoid. The exchanges between minister and presenter, interviewer and office-holder, Mr Naughtie and Mr Nasty, are always the least informative and least interesting moments on radio or TV.

John Humphrys is an excellent interviewer when stretching out, as in On The Ropes, but on Today nobody seems to land a punch. There was a wonderfully

good example the other day, which was so uninformative and unproductive that I was paralysed and couldn't get to the set to turn it off, between John Humphrys and John Prescott.

Humphrys was trying to get Prescott to say whether or not the Queen's speech would contain Prescott's transport plan. Prescott refused to commit himself, and kept telling Humphrys about all the jolly good environmental things he'd already done. Humphrys wasn't interested and kept asking about the transport plan. Prescott refused to be drawn and kept repeating what he'd already said...

In other words, if the entire interview was given to an English comprehension class to summarise, it would emerge like this.

Humphrys: "Will you tell us whether your much heralded

transport plan will be in the next Queen's speech?"
Prescott: "No, I won't hut I'll

tell you about some good environmental things we've done which you similarly doubted we'd ever do..."

End of interview. Now, on the Today programme you could avoid wasting five minutes of guff by simply getting Humphrys to say right at the outside what question he wanted to ask, and Prescott to say what he was going to say instead of answering the question. It would take 20 seconds, save

me and Pritchett switching off and give more time for the good things on the Today programme. Yes, there are some. Almost always they occur when the presenters are not involved, when Humphrys, Naughtie, MacGregor etc shut up for a moment,



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'Humphrys and Naughtie know what a waste of time it is hauling in the powerful'

after saying: "Here's Alan Little reporting from Moscow" or "With more thoughts on digital TV, here's our media correspondent Torin Douglas". Recently I heard

Little do an admirable little sketch on life in Moscow, and Torin Douglas casting splendid coid water on the digital revolution (were you listening, Birt?), because they were well-planned little one-man efforts, not wouldbe clashes with the mighty which always end up as two people hitting each other with inflated bladders.

I'm sure in their heart of hearts Humphrys and Naughtie know what a complete waste of time it is hauling the powerful in to pretend to bare their soul. But they love it too much to give it up. It gives them an entrée into the power game, a toe-hold in the sparring ring. In the the Radio Times recently John Humphrys was subjected to one of those over-the-phone chats called a Questionnaire, and he said:

"The 'professional' intervie-

wees are easier because you are, in a sense, playing the same game. People like Michael Heseltine, John Prescott and Ken Clarke are the interviewer's ideal because they will engage. One of the problems with the present lot of ministers is that many of them are well trained to stay on the message...'

Then why on earth get them in to play "the game"? That is one mistake that Broadcasting House doesn't make. This is the new Sunday morning programme on Radio 4, presented by Eddie Mair, which for an hour wanders round the world chatting about the news to people who know a lot about it but are not implicated. Yesterday they had Germaine Greer and Charles Wheeler chatting about Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, and they talked more sense

than I have heard elsewhere on. this tacky subject.

Meanwhile, back at the Today programme, I fully expect the weather forecast one day to evolve into this; Humphrys: "So, Michael Fish, what are you going to tell us that the weather has in store today?" Fish: "Well, it's going to be another unsettled day

..." Humphrys: "That's not what you told us on Wednesday." Fish: "No. That's because conditions were different then." Humphrys: "Ah! You're blaming conditions, are you?" Fish: "No. All I'm saying is that looking abead over the next few days..." Humphrys: "That's all very well, but public perception of weather forecasters is not verypositive, is it?" Fish: "Be that as it may, there will be rain today in the South..." Humphrys: "I'm going to have to ask that question again. Public perception..."

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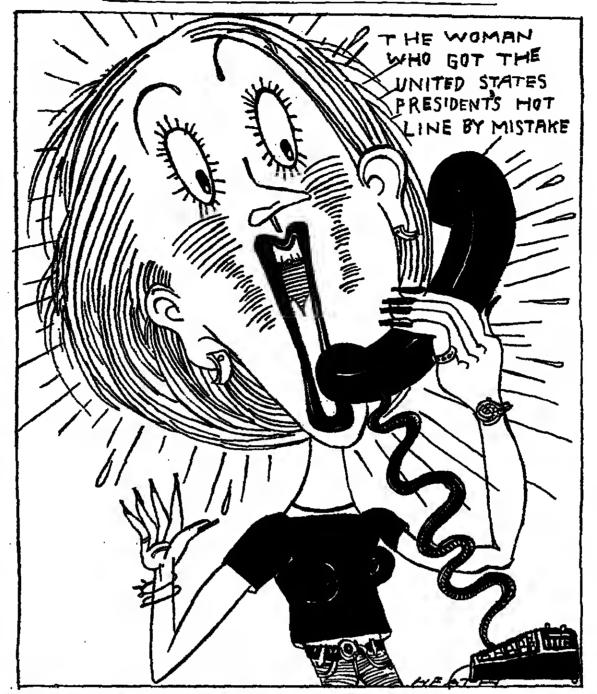
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Publish and be damned: how Starr could save Clinton

IF ANYONE can save Bill Clinton's presidency it is Kenneth Start. Reading his report, the stomach begins to turn and the conviction grows that this is not a dispassionate investigation into possible wrongdoing by the President, but an attempt to humiliate and embarrass Mr Clinton, his wife and his daughter It seems extraordinary that the independent counsel, appointed to investigate charges of fraud in the Whitewater property deals, should have ended up writing a report which resembles

the readers' letters column of a pornographic magazine. Let us briefly reconstruct the legalistic train of logic which took Mr Starr from A to X. When he started looking into the Whitewater affair, he claims he was obstructed by a campaign of witness tampering by Mr Clinton. His inquiry was broadened into attempting to establish a "pattern of behaviour", that of trying to persuade witnesses to help cover up alleged misdemeanours of various kinds. It thus crossed the path of Paula Jones's sexual harassment law suit, which was trying to establish a different pattern of behaviour - that of making unwanted advances on women - but in which it was also alleged that the President had interfered with witnesses, offered them jobs and so on. The next two links in the rope bridge broke after Mr Starr had crossed them, but by then the twin inquiries had created the circumstances in which the President was to commit the misdemeanours for which he now stands trial. Ms Jones's lawyers asked Mr Clinton and Monica Lewinsky questions about their relationship, which turned out not to fit the pattern of behaviour they were seeking because it was entirely consensual. The Jones case was then thrown out on the grounds that even if her allegations were true they would not constitute sexual harassment. But by then the President had lied under oath. And, in the final stage of Mr Starr's journey into the presidential underpants, the independent counsel felt it was necessary to ask Ms Lewinsky for a full account of her sexual relationship with the President to substantiate the charge that Mr Clinton had lied in denying it. And to publish it all.

As a means of pursing a vendetta against an enemy, this sequence has the rickety plot-line of an airport thriller, rather than the inescapable logic of a Greek tragedy. The connection between the original accusation and the mountain of smut put on the Internet on Friday is so tenuous that it can only do more damage to Mr Starr's credibility than to Mr Clinton's. If the independent counsel had a shred of honour he would have cancelled his investi-



gation long ago, concluding that it was impossible to prove anything remotely related to the original charges.

All that is water under the rickety bridge. It is unfair, but Mr Clinton is disgraced, a figure of ridicule and an embarrassment to his office. He is disabled by the idea that you can tell he is lying because his lips are moving. And he must bear a substantial degree of responsibili-

ty for that himself. But whether he stays or goes will be decided by the American public. They knew he was Slick Willie when they elected him, and were prepared to separate his public and his private life. Now they have to decide if he can be trusted. But by over-reaching himself, Mr Starr has thrown him a lifeline. If Mr Clinton survives it will be because Mr Starr published, and was damned.

Why would anyone join the Tories?

WHY WOULD anyone join the Conservative party." Sir Edward Heath says he would not, if he had his time again. And you can see his point. What would anyone join the Tory party for? Because they did not like the haze of authoritarianism around Tony Blair's halo! They should sign up with Paddy Ashdown's Liberal Democrats. Because they do not like trade unions and want more free markets? New Labour is there already. Because they support the royal family? The same applies. No, the only reason why anyone would want to join William Hague's Fresh Start is because they do not like the European Union, and above all the single currency. Which is, of course, why Sir Ted is in such a bate.

Before the election last year, the survival of such pro-European big beasts of the jungle as Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine at the lop of the Tory government gave a misleading impression that the Tory party was somehow divided on Europe. Even the "soundings" taken of party opinion before Mr Hague's election as leader gave the wrong impression of Mr Clarke's popularity, because they were based on a ring-round of constituency chairmen, the last redoubt of the old guard.

In truth, the modern Tory party is overwhelmingly and fundamentally opposed to the European project. A survey of Tory MPs presented at a Political Studies Association conference yesterday revealed that fully two-thirds of them agree with the fundamentalist statement, "Joining the single currency will signal the end of the UK as a sovereign nation".

That is why Mr Hague knows he is quite safe in calling his ballot of party members on the policy of staying out of the single currency for the duration of the next parliament. And Sir Edward is right to be scathing about both the speed with which the ballot is being held and the policy itself. How can a policy of opposition to joining the euro be time-limited by references to the vagaries of the British electoral cycle?

Mr Hague hopes the ballot will put the issue to sleep. but Sir Edward's question exposes why it will fail. If the only reason to join the modern Tory party is opposition to the single currency, the party has no prospect of recovery. The electoral base of xenophobia, Little Englanderism, is too small to sustain an election-winning coalition. Mr Hague should be congratulated for his service to democracy in achieving clarity at the next election between fundamentalist opposition and Labour's open-mindedness. But he is doing his party no favours as long as people like Sir Edward and Mr Clarke, who are in some senses to the left of New Labour, say they would not join it if they had their time again.

For all our sophistication, we still instinctively trust our leaders

HERE IS what is puzzling me. I assumed from the start that Bill Clinton was lying about his relationships with Gennifer Flowers and Paula Jones and that he had indeed had been more than office buddies with "that woman". But the moment when the lie becomes flesh, when we feel the full impact of the blow to our trust. still jolts.

All the ready cynicism about politicians can not expel an idealism which is the life-blood of democracy: a desire to believe that the universal franchise will produce an honourable person at

The relationship between modern electorates and their leaders is thus a weird cocktail of stubborn belief in their probity, combined with a ready acceptance that they will sometimes behave in a way we would not find to be trustworthy if we knew the details. It is not so much the sex and lies that matters, but the videotape - the way that the be is conveyed to us which defines whether that magic trust factor remains intact or not.

A politician who forfeits this link of trust can rarely regain it. A reputation for untrustworthiness, as Richard Nixon discovered, eclipses all other achievements; and A J P Taylor's comment on Lloyd George - "He arouses every feeling except trust" still blots the memory of the great rad-

ical reformer. Traditionally, trustworthiness is taken to mean that the person who inspires it behaves with consistency and that this consistency is something pos-flive. Hence the public's obsessional belief that those they elect should keep their promises, and the lengths politicast in quasi-religious language as "pledges" - which they can at least be seen to keep, even if we all know that the essence has gone unfulfilled.

Yet President Clinton was perfectly consistent in his relations with Monica Lewinsky: that was the problem. He behaved exactly as a man with his record of casual encounters would be expected to behave when chased by an attractive and willing young woman who was pretty damn determined to have sex with him.

He has always been the prime example of a modern politician writ large. He does everything we expect politicians to do, just more so and more brazenly: twisting words, trimming tenses, massaging dates and facts, giving calculated emotional displays to distract from rational critique of his behaviour

Like Ronald Reagan, he interpreted the bond of trust with the America people as a highly charged relationship and imbued it with the intensity of a love affair.

Mr Clinton is even better at this than Mr Reagan, whose movie-actor background invested too many of his performances with a recognisably manufactured edge.

The repentant sinner-president is a brilliant, cunning redefinition of the meaning of trust. The America people are asked to find a new kind of faith, in a fallible man to improve and to become whole again.

Set the opinion poll question, "Would you choose a man to lead you who is broken in spirit?" and the "Nos" would definitely have it. Yet by seeking to redefine his relationship with the American people as a communal cians go to make promises - now re- odyssey towards Christian perfec-



ANNE MCELVOY

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tion, displaying his broken spirit in the way that Roman politicians seeking office had to display the physical wounds they had endured, he might just manage to save his presidency. The belief in redemption and change is the most powerful message of all: the reason Christianity has survived

thus far and always will. To adapt this to political ends might by cynical, but it is the only slight chance he has to recover the faith of America, and rewrite the trust-contract anew.

Back in our own, far less sensational soap-opera of power, where the best we can do for vicarious titiliation is read about Robin Cook feeding Gaynor Regan's parking meter, questions of political trust are posed less dramatically. That does not make them less important.

Of all the indicators in The Guardian last week that were trumpeted as the bursting of New Labour's lovely big popularity bubble, the only

about whether he is "more honest than most politicians".

Other ratings come and go; and as long as the Tory wheels go round and round in the mud, it hardly matters much to Mr Blair whether he is considered to be super-fabulously marvellous or just marvellous. But trust matters to New Labour more than to any other party because it has shift-

ed so many of its other anchors. When Mr Blair invited the country to trust him on the Ecclestone affair with the assurance that he is "a pretty straight sort of guy", he was moving the burden of proof away from the need to give a full account of what Bernie had or had not been offered in return for his donation, and on to himself as both the conduit and the focus of faith. Mr Clinton would have recognised the moment.

A sense of intimacy has been created around Mr Blair's relations with the public, implying a direct bond between electorate and leader that bypasses the institutions of power. Hence the gap between the rather agconcentrated emotional intensity and swell of feeling evinced in the wake of Diana's death or after Omagh.

It is fashionable to find Mr Blair to be phoney, flaky and generally reprehensible for this. But I do not believe that this is the problem.

The gap which is widening and stretching the credibility of voters is between New Labour as the "people's party" and New Labour as the "party of business interests".

This is one of the reasons that I Trust is a vulnerable thing.

one that will bother Tony Blair much have a dull, uncomfortable, nagging is the 20-per-cent drop in the question fear about its unalloyed enthusiasm for businessmen and sponsorship and the sense that it will do - or not do - almost anything to preserve the

love of entrepreneurs. Party conference passes have just arrived ready for next month with the name of a supermarket printed along the lace that will be cast around the necks of those who attend. All of us will wander round Blackpool endorsing a grocery store. The whole identity of the party in government is to be visibly and ubiquitously subjected to money and its interests.

Criticism of New Labour's closeness to business is considered the preserve of those people who believe that the role of Labour is to oppose these interests and make life difficult for them. That was always a foolish position. Mr Blair was right in his assumption Labour could only become the natural party of government if it shed this knee-jerk hostility.

But he should beware of shedding too much caution with it. The great scandal of the corporatist democracies - Craxi's links with Berlusconi in gressive and haughty Mr Blair seen at Prime Minister's Questions and the Italy, the Flick funding scandal in Ger-many, President Chirac's embroil-Italy, the Flick funding scandal in Germent in a favours scandal - all have their roots in relationships between politicians and business that have moved beyond the level of mutual helpfulness and into a sphere where hidden connections and obscure links determine what politicians stand for

and how they run their countries. That point has not yet been reached in Britain. If Mr Blair is wise, it will not be while he is prime minister. But the unease is there, the chink is open.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Thank God the dike is safe oow. There will be no threat to it unless there is heavy rain or an abrupt rise in river water." Abdul Kashem.

Chief engineer of the Bangladesh Woter Development Board speaking about the removal of the threat of flooding to the capital Dhaka

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"A truth that's told with bad intent Beats all the lies you can invent." William Blake, "Auguries of Innocence"



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want this process to be conchided swiftly, and there can be no doubt that the longer the uncertainty surrounding Clinton lasts, the weaker he will be in exercising the duties of his office.

Even though elections are coming in November, the House must move promptly to stermine whether the case requires impeachment proceedings. That decision ought to be reached before the October recess. If the decision is

POLLS SHOW that Americans affirmative, initial hearings should commence after the election, as the country cannot afford to drift through a crisis of leadership until a new Congress is seated. The New York Times

> ON THE one hand, the crimes alleged are serious ones and the evidence on some is quite strong; on the other hand, this misconduct took place in the context of a subsequently dismissed civil case and would

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ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD The US press assesses the immediate future of Bill Clinton

probably not, in other circum- that separates disqualifying stances, have been deemed crimes from conduct that worthy of investigation or prosecution. Mr Clinton's behaviour is at the margins of impeachability - straddling the line The Washington Post

merely mars indelibly the presidential office and the man who holds it.

Bill Clinton's presidency ended yesterday afternoon on the World Wide Web. He has disgraced himself and the high office that it was his privilege His political support will col-

lapse in the coming days, and, like a puppet cut loose from its strings, he will fall in a heap on the floor. The consequences for the country of his being allowed to continue in office are simply

unacceptable. We cannot abide another two-and-a-half years of ex-

plaining to our children why gross misconduct goes unnunished. We cannot abide another two-and-a-half years of explaining to ourselves why integrity and character do not matter.

We cannot abide another two-and-a-half years of shameless and faithless presidential leadership. Bill Clinton will leave office soon because he was and is unworthy of our trust. The sooner it happens, the better everyone will feel. The Boston Globe

PANDORA

A STRONG rumour suggests that the vital job of encouraging British trade abroad, traditionally undertaken by our ambassadors and consul generals, is soon to be delegated elsewhere. Reporting to both the Foreign Office and the Department of Trade and Industry, a Director of Trade will operate independently in our major foreign trading partner nations. Thus, for example, the Director of Trade (US) will not report to either Ambassador Sir Christopher Meyer or to Jeffrey Ling, Consul General in New York. This step comes after numerous complaints from British businessmen abroad about the limited assistance they received from our diplomats. Pandora suspects that these Director of Trade posts will not be given to civil servants.

IT'S BEEN widely reported that delegates to the Labour Party Conference later this month will be wearing sleek laminated passes sponsored by supermarket chain Somerfield. Less well known are Somerfield's own labour problems. Workers at four Somerfield distribution depots have rejected the first round of their annual pay talks. An official at Usdaw, the union involved, told Pandora last week that there is a good chance of resolving the conflict at the second round of talks. However, he warned, "If it isn't resolved next week, there might be problems." Delegates might refuse to wear their passes for a start.

LET US spare a moment of sympathy for Sgt Charles W Little, He is anxiously awaiting a pardon from President Clinton after being dismissed from the US Marines for "Adultery and Fraternization" The marine says that although he had "a consensual relationship" with a junior soldier, he is not guilty of criminal "misconduct" and is sure that the President will come to his rescue before his discharge order is signed. He has written to Clinton saying,

"You explained that your priness. I wholeheartedly agree." And he continued, "You urged the American public to allow you to put this behind you so you could concentrate on pressing matters. I agree.' As yet, however, there are no details of Sgt Little's inappropriate behaviour on the Internet. Pandora is sure this will soon be rectified as the world's appetite for such tittletattle has now been thoroughly whetted.

AFTER THE least relaxing weekend break in history, Bill and Hillary Clinton are scheduled to fly to New York this evening with Al and Tipper Gore. The two couples, who first bonded back during the

1992 election campaign haven't spent much time socializing together in recent weeks, according to The Washington Post. When asked if Mrs Gore (pictured), famous for ber Eighties' crusade against sexually-explicit rock music lyrics, had spoken to Mrs Clinton since the sexually unabashed Starr Report was published, her press secretary said: "My sense is that their communication is personal and private, and she would not want to share that with the press." One can hardly blame her, but if the foursome turns up to watch the puppet musical of The Lion King tonight, the press will be hunting for any bits of graphic body lan-

TORY MP Peter Bottomley attended the launch of Andrew Roth's new edition of Parliamentary Profiles last week Roth's book includes highlydetailed information on the current roster of MPs, including selected newspaper cuttings. In the four-page entry for Peter's wife, the former Tory Heritage Secretary, Virginia Bottomley, one cutting notes that she had a real knack for attracting publicity. Apparently, this part of her entry did not please its subject. After a brief stay at the launch party at Politicos bookshop, Peter Bottomley, on his way out, paused by the author and hissed: "We won't co-operate again unless you stop calling us publicity seekers." Does reporting this incident mean that Pandora can't count on the Bottomleys' generous help in future? Oh dearie.

GOOD TO see those imaginative, ground-breaking programme makers flying high at BBC1, which is launching a new four-part documentary series "in celebration of great British talent". Do you have any doubt about who has been chosen as the Four Great Ones? They are Victoria Wood, Lenny Henry,



The only useful list is a shopping list

THE FOLLOWING will not appear in the list of the 100 best columns of the century. But I have little doubt that someone somewhere is compiling

just such a list. In the last week we have had definitive surveys of the best albums, worst albums, most miserable alburns and most overrated alburns. It is a perfect indication of the frenetic illogicality that goes into these surveys that Fleetwood Mac's Seventies album Rumours makes the top 20 in both the best albums of the century and the most overrated albums. In other words the same people that mock it as overrated then solemnly go on to overrate it.

Rock music produces more "best of lists" and surveys than most art forms, but the others are catching up. And it seems we can't get enough of them. We devour numerous best films, best composers, best sitcoms and best books compilations, with even a tiny exercise by one publishing house managing to grab headlines in two continents. In preparation is a list of the best plays of the century.

This I know, because I have been asked by the National Theatre to how to define. A play like Look



DAVID LISTER

Only now do I see what a fiendishly difficult and meaningless exercise it is to compile lists of the best films, music and plays

give my nominations for the 10 most "significant" 20th century plays. (I'm pleased to note that art form linguistic snobbery remains. Pop may have its best; but in theatre you have to be "significant".) Only now do I see what a fiendishly difficult and all but meaningless exercise it is.

Best, greatest, most significant ...

Back In Anger should be in everyone's list because it helped to change the nature of 20th-century theatre. But it won't be in my list because it has flaws as a piece of dramatic writing. One respected drama critic is

putting in J B Priestley's An Inspector Calls on the strength of an innovative and radical current production. And a play is what you see on stage. But should a play be judged on the strengths and weakes of one production? Tricky. And of course we all want to impress a touch of idiosyncrasy on the list a personal choice that no one else might have. So out goes Look Back in Anger from my list and in comes Brian Friel's poignant and evocative Duncing At Lughnosa. Significant, in my book, means significant to me as well as to the nation.

Then, with all these surveys, there is the memory problem. I can't actually name that many plays written between 1900 and 1920. I feel churlish about writing off a couple of decades, but at least I'm not writing off the whole of history as happened in a ludicrous BBC survey about sitcoms in which viewers not

only put Men Behaving Badly at the top, but had contemporary shows filling all the leading positions. Hancock, Steptoe, Alf Garnett and the Likely Lads were all victims of the peculiar characteristic of best of century surveys which decrees that the century started during our lifetimes, or even during the last few

Even in rock music, a relatively modern art form, memory lapses occur in these compilations. I can confess to a youthful indiscretion of once being rather keen on the rock group Slade. They were pretty big at the time. Indeed they had more records enter the charts straight at number one than The Beatles, no mean achievemen

But, with none of their songs featuring in any contemporary movies. they have been forgotten and never appear in any "best of" compilations. Equally, the great Sixties' TV comic Marty Feldman is always absent from the comedy lists because for 30 years his shows never came out on video, and the memory of "best of" compilers is fickle.

And then, of course, received critical wisdom plays a part in the

compiling of a "best of" list. James Joyce's Ulysses and Tolkien's Lord of the Rings appear at the top of every book compilation going. I suspect more people have voted for them than have actually read them. It's not strictly necessary to sample the wares oneself. As Professor Simon Frith, who has lectured about pop music at university level, says of album surveys: "The younger person will list records they've bought most recently. The older will pick a record they neither own nor expect to listen to ever again."

So, beware reading anything of lasting cultural importance into the "best of" lists. Laurence Olivier in his last years appeared in a Granada TV series entitled The Best Play of the Year that featured a particular play from a particular year each week. Such plays as Tennessee Williams's Cat on a Hot Tin Roof and Harold Pinter's The Birthdau Porty may or may not have been the best plays of their particular years. What is certain is that they and all the others in the series had a marvelious cameo part for an old man. We all have our own reasons for deciding that something is the best.

The McCarthyite witch-hunt behind Hague's euro ballot

THE DECISION to ballot members of the Conservative Party on the question of a single currency in advance of the party conference at Bournemouth smacks of desperation. In the long run it will do the party no good at all. Our problems cannot be solved by one quick fix. I have no doubt that William Hague will receive the majority that he is seeking next month in this ballot, but it will be a pyrrhic victory. This decision will have disastrous effects on our standing in the country and abroad and, I fear, on William Hague's own reputation.

Despite the substantive shortcomings now manifest in Tony Blair's administration, I have found to my regret that the sense of disaffection towards the Conservative Party and its leadership bas, if anyelection. Morale among party agents has reached crisis point, and there is a wide sense of distrust towards the so-called "reform process" which appears to many people, myself included, to represent nothing so much as a centralisation of power.

To announce a new ballot of party members, against all precedent and with only a fortnight's notice, is unjustifiable. If the Labour government was to announce a national referendum on the question of a single currency with only two weeks' notice, to be held before Parliament had debated the matter, the Conservative front bench would be be-

side itself with rage – and rightly so. It is now obvious that this move had been carefully planned and organised for some time. We are told that more than 100 meetings to be addressed by the leadership have been arranged. All the expenses will have to be covered by party funds, including the circulation of propaganda. Those holding a different view now have no time in which to



EDWARD HEATH

The Conservative position on Europe is being determined by the political interests of the leadership

ganise a campaign, the cost of thing, worsened since the general which would have to come out of their own pockets.

Decisions of this kind illustrate the increasing tendency within the Conservative Party for huge power to be seized by the leader and Central Office. It has been alleged that this ballot is supposed to unite the party. It will do nothing of the sort. All it will achieve will be to institutionalise the divisions within our ranks. No wonder Kenneth Clarke and other prominent members are

having nothing to do with it. I fear that the real reason for this poll is to seek out and "name" those remaining pro-Europeans in the party through some McCarthyite witch-hunt. But this is a huge mistake. Politicians such as Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine are extremely respected and popular in the country at a time when the Conservative Party's appeal is stuck at a hideously low level. They are not some sort of lunatic fringe intent on destroying the party. We urgently need their experience and expertise to take the fight back to Labour.

There are precious few established politicians in the Shadow Cabinet and to marginalise our household names at this time is suicidal Winston Churchill, Harold Macmillan and Anthony Eden were all in a minority position in the Conservative Party in the 1930s. But they had a huge following amongst the general public and, thankfully, the party's leaders were soon forced to give way and listen to them.

We have to learn the art of opposition. At this stage in the Parliament, with only 164 MPs and such strong views on both sides, does the Conservative Party actually need a definitive policy on this question? If Lady Thatcher is to be believed, we will not be in government after the next election. If she is right then the Conservative Party will be in oppo sition for the time scale that William Hague has set down for the party's opposition to a single currency. It is extremely unlikely, therefore, that he will be prime minister when the time to decide arrives. But what if he was? This misguided policy would force him to oppose the euro even if events had shown that it was prov-

ing a tremendous success. The pro-Europeans may now be in a minority position within the greatly reduced membership of the Conservative Party, but the election result last year proved beyond doubt that pro-Europeans from whatever party have majority support in the country. Furthermore, unlike the pro-European moderates who were purged from the Labour Party back in the early 1980s - with predictably disastrous results - I am sure that we have the stomach for the fight against any attempts at "ethnic cleansing" in our party.

What, then, is the answer? It is, in fact, very simple. William Hague could give a free vote to all back-



William Hague announcing the ballot on a single currency. He will win, but it will be a pyrrhic victory.

important vote of bi cerning our accession to the European Community in October 1971. We recognised then that our accession to the EC was an issue of conscience as well as practical politics and I can well remember watching as the Labour Party descended into anarchy and chaos.

Sixty-nine of its MPs ignored the three-line whip and voted with the Conservative government that night, and Labour remained riven on the issue for a generation. Harold Wilson made the mistake of treating European policy as an internal party issue, rather than a national issue. Mr Hague must not do the same.

As with the Labour Party in the early 1970s, the current Conservative leadership position on Europe is determined entirely by the perceived political interests of the leadership itself.

Meanwhile, we are allowing our political opponents to steal what should be our clothes and portray themselves as positive and forwardlooking on European as well as bench MPs - as we did during the other questions, which can only

One of the advantages of a spell in opposition, particularly in the face of a three-figure government majority, is that members of the party have chance to let off a bit of steam, and give voice to new ideas. The hard-line whipping forced upon a government with a majority in single figures two years ago is plainly unnecessary in today's Conservative Party. The leadership also needs to bear in mind that MPs are accountable to all their constituents by whom they are elected and they should exercise their judgement on their behalf. It is our duty to act in their interests and in accordance with our assessment of where the national interest lies.

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Fundamental issues of national policy cannot be decided upon purely as an attempt to shore up the careers of a few individuals. I hope that the party leadership soon wakes up to the political situation outside our party and reaches out, widening our appeal - rather than working to nar-

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However, there were those who opposed what they could see happening; people who saw danger in new developments and feared that things were moving too fast.

At the same time many of the opponents of this change had little understanding of what they were protesting about - "Science is a myth - engendered by the malevolent to disturb the innocent."

Our founders had a firm conviction that science was of crucial importance to society, and that there must be a forum in which people could come into contact with scientists to air their views and concerns, and also to learn more about what underlay scientific and technological advances.

It was at the meeting of the

Thomas Huxley defended Charles Darwin's recently pubfished theory of "evolution by natural selection" against those who opposed it, including the formidable Samuel Wilber force, Bishop of Oxford.

Through the years since then the BA has played an important role in the life of our nation by providing a forum for debate - and also of encouraging understanding of science and technology and their importance for the welfare of our society.

I believe that the original mission and objectives that were the vision of our founders are just as relevant at the end of the 20th Century as they were in 1831.

In our own lifetimes we have witnessed an unparalleled expansion of scientific knowledge. The application of advances in technology and engineering have changed the way we live - often in the most dramatic ways.

However, just as in the last century, we still have those who oppose scientific develop- nature; industrial processes ments. There are those who see only danger and disaster rather than the opportunities BA in Oxford in 1860 that science provides to improve



PODIUM SIR RICHARD SYKES

From an inaugural speech by the president of the Association for the Advancement of Science

our quality of life and meet the needs of people the world over Nuclear power is seen by them as a potential doornsday scenario; genetic modification of plants and animals to provide new food, and other products, is seen as a dangerous interference with the workings of are seen as polluting the air, contaminating land and destroying the environment.

Many of these fears are, of

see scientific advances as heralding Armageddon, However, they may be based upon a lack of real understanding of the issues involved. For many the rate of scientific advance is

just too bewildering. Therefore there is still an important role for the BA in providing access, for any who want it, to an understanding of

science and technology. It still provides an opportunity for scientists, engineers and technologists and members of the public to meet for discussion; to inform, to explain their work and its context and to debate matters of concern. In his Presidential address

to the Aberdeen meeting of the Association in 1859 Prince Albert, who saw very clearly the importance of science for the nation's health, bemoaned the lack of attention to the sciences in the curricula of our schools and universities.

They were, he said, "almost systematically excluded from our schools and university education" (and he was right). He went on to commend the BA for

its work to correct this deficit is strong and well up to The problem the Prince the task of delivering Consort identified is still to

course, very real for those who some extent with us, and our young people still need to be encouraged to take up science at school and university.

The BA still continues its valuable work with young people, encouraging them to be scientifically literate, to see exciting careers in science. engineering and technology and to be able to understand the potential in science and technology to create wealth and improve the quality of

We must use science, technology and engineering to ensure the prosperity of the nation - to improve the quality of life and to create wealth.

However we must also understand what the real risks involved are and see them in. perspective; we must allay unfounded fears; and we must create a better understanding and develop mutual respect between the public and the scientific community.

These are matters that he at the very heart of the BA's mission and I hope that next yess and in the years to come we will have an Association that

that mission.

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The style defines the man



JOHN WALSH

We all marvelled at Kenneth Starr's uniquely boring Gertrude-Steinian prose

THE AMOUNT of hurid, graphic detail here far exceeds any legiti-mate justification," said David Kendall, Chief Brief to President Clinton, about the publication of the Starr Report. It was, other attorneys thundered "loaded with irrelevant and unnecessary graphic and salacious allegations

Oh I don't know. Its function has surely been to supply the Global Vil-lage with something for everyone to talk about. Not since the death of Diana has the Western world been so obsessed with a single subject. This weekend every conversation I have had, whether at a corner table in the Groucho Club or a dinner party in Nottinghamshire, has been hijacked by the Clinton affair - and although the serious-minded have pretended they are really keen on discussing the process of impeachment, the rest of us have gone squarely for those "unnecessary graphic and irrelevant salacious allegations".

Such as: those nuts. Only one tabloid managed to winkle out (if that is the phrase I am after) the detail that Clinton used to enjoy nibbling the nuts secreted by Ms Lewinsky in her groin. The picture of the great man as a kind of truffling Squirrel Nutkinsky is strangely unsettling. But were they dry roasted peanuts, pistachios, or (surely not) Brazils?

Then there was the bathroom door against which the President used to lean while receiving oral sex. He needed to lean against it, he explained, because it helped his bad back. It is rather charmingly off the point is it not? - as if he did not actually notice what was happening round the front.

Then there were the details of the sophisticated and saucy of Monica to give Bill a copy of Nicholson Baker's Vox, which is a 200-page fictional burst of telephone sex, but how artless to throw in Oy Vey! The Things They Say: A Guide To Jewish Wit which is to descend to the level of Reader's Digest.

And how intrigued we all were that American newspapers had contacted the three Congressmen whom the President had been telephoning while being pleasured. What had they asked them? If Mr Clinton seemed distracted? If he kept making appreciative grunting



Out of the woods: Falk singer Nick Drake is more famous today than at any time in his short, tragic life

noises even though they were not saying anything interesting?

We all marvelled at Kenneth Starr's uniquely boring Gertrude-Steinian prose style and how oddly similar it is to Ms Lewinsky's circumlocutory vagueness. Until phrases such as "in the pantry area" and "in the genital area" started to blend into each other, we had been happy to discover that, despite her Patsy Cline hairdo and Desperate Dan jawline, Ms Lewinsky habitually wears thong undies, which she likes to flash at her entranced boss.

tional marvellings, nobody I have spoken to has the faintest chie why Clinton should be made to resign. Beyond the excruciation of having the world overhear your little adolescent sexual fiddlings with the hired help (which, rather than admit to the world, you obviously lie about: you he like an eyewitness, as they say in Bosnia), there is nothing in this sorry tale that has the slightest overlap with politics, policy-making, economics, governance, management or leadership - provided that those dealing with Clinton in the fu-

ture can look him in the eye, or pass

a cigar store or a dry cleaners, without bursting out laughing.

IN JUNE this year, on what would have been the dead man's 50th birthday, the tiny Warwickshire village of Tamworth-in-Arden was invaded by a stream of fans of Nick Drake. They came to lay flowers on his grave, check out the grand Queen Anne bouse where he grew un, and sign the visitors book in the local parish church.

You just know that this is going to turn into an annual event, and the but intensely English version of the Pere Lachaise cemetery where Jim Morrison's grave is routinely monstered by The Doors' faithful. Because the late Mr Drake is now the subject of a large and spectacularly trendy following, 24 years after he apparently killed himself with a 30-tab overdose of Tryptizol

Tall, romantic, musically gifted but withdrawn as a clam, be was a tragic ioner all his life. He went to Marlborough and Cambridge but without never emerged from a shell of occluded mortification. He seems never to have sustained a single re-

lationship or a performing career or, indeed, a complete conversation during his short life; but his three albums, Five Leaves Left, Bryter Layter and Pink Moon, have been regularly reappraised since his death, and his mournful shade adopted by misunderstood musical

youths everywhere.

He turns up on the soundtrack of Kate Winslet's new movie Hideous Kinky (from the novel by Esther Freud) and in the lyrics of the first solo album from the Blur guitarist Graham Coxon ("I wish I could bring Nick Drake back to British rocker Robyn Hitchcock proudly proclaims, I knew Nick Drake". A biography of Drake last year by muso-polymath Patrick Humphries was the biggest-ever seller in the Helter Skelter rock 'n' roll bookshop. Drake's lonesome influence has been invoked by an eclectic slew of modern performers, from REM and Elvis Costello to Belle and Sebastian, Everything But

the Girl and Beth Orton. What's exciting for Drake fans is the joy of minimalism. There is so little to hold on to, they are grateful for the smallest detail.

Nobody knows what made him write songs, or stand for an bour at a zebra crossing, too depressed to cross, or kill himself. Hardly anyone even heard him speak. His 31 extant songs are all we have got and I am afraid we shall never...

But hang on. What's this? As if from nowhere, a tape has come to light, a 35-minute recording (the first ever) of Drake singing in a friend's kitchen in France. It dates back to the spring of 1967, two years before his first record was released, and features him singing cover versions of Dylan, Bert Jansch and the is more - and try and remain seated while I tell you this - Drake can be heard chatting amiably, between songs, about his life, the guitar tunings he is using, the devaluation of sterling, the fate of Western civilisation, his problem with his par-

ents, his envy of Donovan... Ok. I made up some of that, but he does talk on the recording - and, for the average Drake aficionado. that is the equivalent of his having written a three-act drawing-room comedy and filmed himself in the

lead. How significant is the find? "Nick Drake has had a genuine

in such cases, there was a price to

pay. The result is that the volume is very oddly structured, with the last

30 years of Hart's life (the Kathleen

period) dispatched in 40-odd singu-

Danchev pulls punches when it comes to his subject's sexuality and

the bizarre "open marriage" to his

Reading between the lines, one

can sense ménages à trois tor qua-

tre, or cinq), voyeurism, trans-vestism, fetishism, sado-masochism,

Even in the earlier period,

larly uninformative pages.

first wife, Jesse.

and much else.

RIGHT OF REPLY

DR JANE RICHARDS



The BMA replies to Dr Martin Hatcher's article about alcohol and drug abuse by doctors

Dr Martin Hatcher's account of his drug dependence and recovery holds some impor-tant lessons. He describes vividly how doctors deny and conceal addiction and how. even when they have been rumbled, they sometimes run rings around those providing support and treatment.

However, he demonstrates that the picture is not universally bleak. Once you get doctors into appropriate treatment programmes for alcohol or other addiction, they make good patients and have an excellent chance of recovery. The US has an impressive "Impaired Physicians" programme which gives doctors the support and supervision they need to be able to return to practice salely.

Doctors in this country need a similar system. That may sound like special plead ing but it is vital for patient safety. We need to be better at detecting problems sooner. We must break the culture of cover up which means doctors are reluctant to blow the whistle on colleagues and we must offer addicted doctors a route back from disaster. It costs around £200,000 of public money to train a junior doctor Simply naming and shaming doctors with drug or alcohol problems is therefore a very expensive waste of their skills and experience. There are no reliable fig-

ures on the extent of alcohol and other drug dependence it the medical profession. A figure of 9,000 (one in 15 doctors) is often quoted and attributed to the BMA. How ever this figure is based on the assumption that doctors have roughly the same risk of developing dependence as other adults. The risk is that one-in-15 doctors, at some time in their professional lives, may have a problem with alcohol or other drug dependence. It does not mean this number is not fit to practise.

A dandy and a fine historian

"THE TOSCANINI of military historians," as one admirer called him, Basil Liddell Hart was England's Clausewitz, and the apostle of the Blitzkrieg. In his writings, above all in the masterpiece Strategy: the indirect approach. Hart explained the

mobility, the importance of tanks years before Rommell and Patton put the precepts into operation. He was a particular influence on the great German Panzer commanders, Guderian and Nanstein, and lost a lot of brownie points with the British Establishment for championing them after 1945, on the dubi-

ous grounds that they were merely

essence of war in the 1940s - speed.

professional soldiers. In many ways, Hart reminds one of the 19th-century Richard Burton. Both were known by the quasi-oxymoronic prefix "Captain Sir", both seem to have been bisexual, both received their knighthoods unconscionably late in life, both were attracted to other mavericks - in Hart's case, especially Robert Graves and T E Lawrence, thus hringing the Burton/desert motif

Liddell Hart was undoubtedly an original as military historian. He had idiosyncratic tastes, rating Scipio Africanus above Hannibal and Sherman above Ulysses S Grant. He was the first man truly to understand the genius of the Mongol commander Subudei, and in many ways be had shrewder insights into Napoleon than Clausewitz.

These aspects of Hart are reasonably well known, but the revelation in Alex Danchev's biography is that he was also passionate about tennis and women's fashion.

Nowadays, we would regard a description of Pete Sampras as Napoleonic or Agassi as Alexandrine as cliched but it was Hart who



MONDAY BOOK

ALCHEMIST OF WAR: THE LIFE OF BASIL LIDDELL HART BY ALEX DANCHEV, WEIDENFELD & NICOLSON, £25

first introduced military metaphors into sports reporting.

Given that his admiration for the female was aesthetic rather than sexual, and that he loved to describe women's clothes, hair and make up rather as though he were a painter manqué, it is no surprise that his favourite tennis player was the Wimbledon champion Suzanne Lenglen.

A dandy and a peacock, Hart was obsessed with matters sartorial. He thought that women's fashion, so far from being the froth on the

The ducks are at it again.

one pair straight ahead of me,

two more males standing by

as though awaiting their turn.

I circumnavigate them.

surface of social life, was actually part he ended in semi-pacifism, as a supof the deep structure of societies. He condemned as superficial those people who said that feminine vanity showed the essential frivolity of the sex, and elaborated a complicated simptuary determination whereby women's corsets, rather than the relations of production, were the basic feature of society.

Danchev reveals Liddell Hart to have been a very odd fish indeed, eclectic to the point of incoherence. Sympathetic to fascism in the 1930s,

MONDAY POEM

SUNDAY MORNING

BY DANIEL WEISSBORT

From Daniel Weissbort's new collection, "What Was All the Fuss About?" (Anvil, £7.95).

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porter of CND and the Committee of 100. He had many blind spots about the Nazis and was notorious for including, in his history of the Second World War, just a single reference to the Holocaust.

Well-researched and full of insight as Danchev's volume is, it seems to have fallen victim to the curse of the authorised biography. Hart's second wife Kathleen allowed the author unlimited access to all the

All day yesterday it rained.

Today the sun shines, the vistas

misting between branches.

On the river path, by the little chapel

all is action, noisy chases, captures.

The Lord, too, makes a grab for me

as I pass his singing house.

Danchev is content to simply to quote the mainstream view that Hart was merely a spoiled brat who had married too young and to juxtapose it with the "other view", stressing the pathological elements in the great unpublished material but, as always military historian.

To plug the gap left by his fastidious pudeur. Danchev has recourse to a lot of gnomic utterances and learned asides, the relevance of which often escaped me.

I would like to know when Liddell Hart first met Graves and Lawrence, and how their relationship developed. Instead of providing this information, Danchev treats us to some very discursive ruminations on Picasso, Dali

But I do share the author's irritation with Oxford University for failing to elect (or even shortlist) Hart for the Chickele professorship in the history of war. The preference in the "bome of lost causes" for passing over the truly brilliant (A.J.P. Taylor, for example) in favour of second-raters may be one reason why it no longer features among the world's top-rated universities.

The reviewer's biography Napoleon is published by Cape FRANK MCLYNN

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EMERGENCY

Right now in Bangladesh 20 million people face malnutrition and fatal diseases.

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constituency of music lovers than

just retro-fiends and dyed-in-the-

wool folkies", says Mat Snow, edi-

tor of fount-of-all-wisdom Mojo

magazine. "Not only will this add to

the sum of human listening plea-

sure, but it may shed a small side-

light on a tremendously obscure

artist. Even a recording of his con-

"It was recorded when Drake

and several Mariborough friends

were holidaying in Aix", says

Patrick Humphries reverently. "He

sounds incredibly confident and

school a few months earlier. And to

hear him talk, it's so intimate, it

So the rock 'n' roll world waits to

see what happens next. Will the un-

known owner hand over the tape?

Will Drake's sister and executor

Gabrielle (the actress, who fa-

mously starred in Crossroads)

claim the copyright? Will Island, his

record company, bring out the CD?

Or will the Tanworth in Arden pil-

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for a guy who'd only

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Brigadier Andrew Massey

IN 1972 the Commanding Officer of Sultan's Armed Forces, whose over-22 SAS, Lieut-Col Peter de la Billière, asked one of his troop commanders, Captain Andrew Massey, to make a study of the regiment's role in counter-terrorism. Already an experienced soldier who had served with the Airborne Forces in Northern Ireland and the SAS in Oman, Massey concluded that what was needed was a selfcontained assault force on permanent short-notice standby for deployment anywhere at any time. The plan was shelved.

That September, at the Olympic Games in Munich, a group of Palestinian terrorists attacked the Israeli team housed in the Olympic Village killing two and taking nine hostage. Attempts were made by the German anthorities to negotiate but at Fürstenwalde airport chaos ensued and a policeman, four terrorists and all nine hostages were killed.

It was plainly evident to Edward

Heath's government that a wellorganised terrorist unit could hit Britain. After "Bloody Sunday", internment and 450 deaths in Northern Ireland that year, it was possible that the IRA might strike on the mainland.

The Director of Military Operations sent for Massey's study and authority was given for 22 SAS to form a counter-terrorist team under the code name Pagoda. In 1980, after eight years of honing its skills in various covert actions and now named Special Projects (SP), the team burst upon the television screens of this country as it assaulted the Iranian Embassy in London. Andy Massey's clearly defined plans to counteract terrorism had finally come to fruition. The attack, ruthlessly executed, had however also raised the profile of the SAS.

Massey was born in Carlisle in 1943 and after Welbeck College and Sandhurst he was commissioned into the Royal Army Service Corps in 1963. His first tour was with the transport squadron of 7th Artillery Brigade, After a year with the Royal Corps of Transport Movement (RCT) squadron he joined 63 Para Squadron (RCT) in February 1967. Two years later the squadron became the first airborne unit to reinforce the beleaguered troops in Northern Ireland. In Belfast they assumed an infantry role and Massey as a troop commander quickly learnt to deal with intense hatred and violence.

After this tour Massey's commanding officer realised he had the potential for greater things and advised him to go for selection to the SAS. He joined them in 1970. Several troops from his previous command also applied for selection.

He was soon in the Dhofar a region of the Oman where the SAS were involved in the counterinsurgency campaign in aid of the

throw was sought by the Dhofar Liberation Front. It was a tough campaign which Massey relished, for it illustrated what could be achieved by well-trained special forces. In all Massey had three tours in the area. Although the SAS were involved in some fierce fighting, their main objective, apart from repressing the rebels, was to win the "hearts and minds" of the local people, the Firquats, and to train them to fight their own battles.

In 1974 Massey rejoined the Air-borne Forces as Staff Captain HQ 16 Para Brigade and had several tours of Northern Ireland before attending the Staff College at Camberley in 1975. Two years later be married Major Annabelle Cunningham and in 1979 they went together to Buckingham Palace where each were appointed MBE for services in Northern Ireland From 1977 to 1979 he served as a Staff Officer in HQ in Northern Ireland

Massey returned to the SAS in 1979 to command A Squadron, and among other places served in Northern Ireland and Oman. On promotion to Lieut-Col in 1981 he became an instructor at Camberley where he led the Counter Revolutionary War-

On 2 April 1982 the Falkland Islands were invaded by the Argentimian Forces. D Squadron and half of G Squadron SAS were quickly despatched. Throughout the campaign that was to follow Massey was the Special Forces Liaison Officer at HQ Commander-in-Chief, Fleet at Northwood. Very much a man of action, he would have preferred to have been with his regiment, but his calm disposition and understanding of the regiment's strategy made him the ideal person for the situation.

In the initial operations by the SAS in South Georgia an SAS troop was inserted by helicopter on to the Fortuna Glazier. Severe weather forced them to evacuate by three helicopters, two of which crashed. The third picked up all the survivors. The island was later taken by seaborne assault. In an action reminiscent of Second World War actions in the Western Desert, the SAS carried out a daring raid on Pebble Island and destroyed 11 aircraft.

Misfortune was to follow when 18 SAS men were killed in a helicopter while changing ship prior to the main landing. This was a great loss to the regiment. Massey however knew that war was not just physical but psychological. He knew that those who had survived the crash would want to continue to fight. The surveillance and intelligence gathered by the SAS in many cases proved vital to the victory in the Falklands.

In 1984 Massey attended the US Armed Forces Staff College in Nor-



folk, Virginia where he won the Leadership Prize. That autumn he became the first Support Service of-ficer to command 22 SAS. Always a highly principled and insightful soldier, during the next two and a half years Massey brought about profound changes to the regiment. He tackled hard questions and was not afraid to break with former traditions and old habits. A superb trainer of men, he wanted to revitalise the regiment's thinking, and enhance their

His uncompromising attitude did not always sit comfortably within the regiment, nor with his peers. As one officer recalled, "I didn't always see eye to eye with what he was doing. but I respected him." He was not afraid to stand up to senior officers if they proposed impossible tasks or if the projected mission was built on the myth that the SAS could do

already considerable efficiency.

He was a strict disciplinarian, and when an NCO whom he knew well stepped out of line, Massey severely reprimanded him. Asked later why he had been so hard, he replied, "because he was worth it. The NCO went on to achieve much within the regiment. Massey understood his soldiers well and they in turn held him in the highest regard. He seldom needed to raise his voice - a look

horizons of the regiment. Many who had served under him felt he had done more for the regiment than any other commanding oFor his service he was appointed OBE.

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In 1980, the Special Projects team burst on the television screens as it assaulted the Iranian Embassy in London; Andy Massey's plans to counteract terrorism had finally come to fruition

spoke volumes. One soldier was heard to say of him "I think he must put his eyeballs in the fridge each night". It was a touch of wry humour hut matched his own.

By the end of his command, the SAS was achieving considerable wealth Office, and as war looked success in Northern Ireland and more likely, the assembly of the UK elsewhere, and he had widened the Order for Operations in the Gulf.

Defence where he was responsible for UK Commitment in the Far East and Africa. It was a complex and delicate tasic which involved crisis management, regional assistance, liaison with the Foreign and Common-

In 1990 Massey became Deputy Director of Special Forces and when the Gulf War broke out, Operational Commander of the UK Special Forces for Operation Granby. In Command of the British Forces in the Middle East was his former Commanding Officer, General Peter de la Billière.

Since its inception in North Africa in 1941, for the SAS, the desert has been both a battlefield and a home. During the short, but intense war, the SAS operated behind enemy lines for 43 days using armoured Land Rovers equipped with a powerful array of weapons and with motor cvcles. Their prime task was to search out and destroy Scud missile sites, many of which were aimed at Israel.

In this hostile and harsh terrain the SAS called up 48 air strikes against military targets and Scud sites as well as destroying several themselves. On one occasion a mobile SAS column encountered the Scud convoy in the open. Using a hand-held Milan, a troop commander took out one of the scuds. The fire fight which followed lasted four

and a half hours. Prior to this the Special Boat Squadron in a daring raid got within 60 miles of Baghdad and destroyed a substantial section of communications between the capital and neighbouring Jordan.

General Norman Schwarzkopf. who had previously not wanted to employ special forces, was delight ed. Another valuable success was the capture of an Iraqi artillery officer with battle maps. One lessons of earlier desert campaigns was unfortunately forgotten when an eight-man patrol, Bravo Two Zero. was inserted by helicopter without vehicles to withdraw them if anything went wrong.

In 1992 Massey was promoted Brigadier and returned to his parent corps as Commandant of RCT Training Centre in Aldershot. He retired from the Army in 1993. After working with Defence Systems Limited for a short time he became Director of the Weish TEC, an organisation that linked training colleges with employers.

After the Gulf War came a flood of books relating personal experiences. Massey, never afraid to break with tradition, felt compelled to give what he referred to as "an historic truth" of events. In 1996, in a BBC documentary, he related the role of the SAS at length with pride and spoke of several acts of courage by Special Forces in Iraq. "Our Gulf activities show what can be achieved by a few hundred highly committed, very determined men, who focus themselves on their responsibilities to other people." To go so public was a bold and courageous move and had been a difficult decision and one typical of Andy Massey. It earned the rancour of the regiment which he loved so much.

Massey had a lifetime interest in sport, particularly golf and football. As chairman of the Executive Committee of the Army Football Association he did much to regenerate. inter-unit competition. Before leaving the Army he presented the Massey Trophy to be played for each season among the 10 corps. One of his proudest moments was recently watching a cricket match in which his 12-year-old son, Ian, scored 129 runs for his county.

Andy Massey was a devout Roman Catholic who delighted in his wife and family and was looking forward to spending more time with them.

MAX ARTHUR

Andrew Christopher Massey, soldier: born Carlisle, Cumberland 18 April 1943; MBE 1979, Commonding Officer, SAS 1984-87; OBE 1987; Deputy Director, Special Forces 1990-91, Commandant, RCT Training Centre 1992-93; married 1977 Annabelle Cunningham (one son, one daughter); died Hereford 19 August 1998.

Professor T. V. Sathyamurthy

TV. SATHYAMURTHY, who taught politics at York University for 30 years, was a larger-than-life personality whose great abilities as a scholar and teacher were eclipsed by his skill as a facilitator and coordinator of inter-disciplinary studies in the social and human

He was the originator, sustainer and editor of the landmark series Social Change and Political Discourse in India (1994-96) which refocussed understanding of the political cultural of the subcontinent. Yet this concentration on the study of India came late in his life, was by no means exclusive even then, and it followed much journeying, both physical and intellectual.

A compulsive writer (abstinence for any length led to withdrawal symptoms) Sathyamurthy was the author of several books and a long stream of articles. His intellectual span was remarkable; included in the range were developmental studies, international relations, political anthropology and extensive area studies. All these were seen in a rich interdisciplinary context.

He was born into a Brahmin and civil service family in Madras, in 1929; his life was a complex rejection and affirmation of its values. The anti-Imperial ethos of the late Raj endured with him for a lifetime, yet his 31 years in Britain acclimatised him in every respect (an English heatwave became something of a

As a student at the Benares Hindu University, his quick intelligence distinguished him, and (more importantly) his abilities opened up prospects of greater personal freedom. His subsequent choice of an academic life was the embracing of his natural milieu and the key to liberation. Still, even in his sixties in his (rare) moments of introspection there was a note of enforced selfjustification about the path of life he had chosen decades before. Nonetheless, the culture and rigour

of his upbringing was the basis of his subsequent achievement.

Sathyamurthy's university education was in the sciences; his first postgraduate research was in Chemistry at Benares. In the 1950s he moved geographically to the American mid-west and intellectually to the study of politics, taking his doctorate in social sciences at the University of Illinois.

The wide humanism of his temperament and the exactness of his scientific training combined to make him critical of the pretensions of the dominant modes of thinking in American political science and, after a year lecturing at the University of Indiana, he left the States in 1963.

For the next few years Sathya-murthy worked at the University of Singapore and at Makerere University, Kampala. His work was broadening into the general field of developmental issues; his book, The Political Development of Uganda: 1900-1986 (1986) was the later fruit of his time at Kampala.

In 1967 came the move to Britain - after a year at Strathclyde University he established his permanent base at York University. From that base he globe-trotted, keeping up his contacts in the mid-west, in India, establishing links in Norway, Paris, Hawaii among many other places. An indefatigable conference attender, his restless gregariousness, his inexhaustible energy and extroversion formed an extensive network of collaborators and acquaintances. He made a priority (totally congenial to his spirit) of keeping friendships

in constant trim. Sathyamurthy's intellectual and political affiliations were broadly Marxist. His sympathy for the downtrodden and his contempt for the shams of the self-satisfied were heartfelt and abiding. He was a well-versed connoisseur of the many and varied political and cultural environments in which he lived among them was a year in Santiago, Chile



(1970-71), when the Allende phase was turning sour

Sathya's chief delight was the human comedy. He had an enormous sense of humour and childlike capacity for fun. Academic life was oxygen to him - his curiosity about his human habitat knew no bounds; filed in his capacious memory were countless anecdotes, tales of feuds, mishaps, indiscretions and entanglements the candidly confessed to more than his fair

Even by academic standards his capacity for gossip was impressive. He could transmute this, by a higher art, into a wonderfully funny cartoon-like narrative. He was best as he approached the edge of mere fantasy. Sarcasm was entirely foreign to his character.

He rated his teaching as highly important, and intensely personal. His many doctoral students were subjected (among other things) to Sturm und Drang ("I get nowhere

his teaching was extemporaneous, from a retentive memory and ready store of knowledge. He was impulsive, mercurial, expressed his feelscan the feelings of others reserve was practically beyond his command.

Sometimes prone to exasperate others. Sathya (as he was universally known) was also quick to mollify with his disarming openness. The hieroglyphic signature, the loud shirts, the mannerisms (thanking the photocopier), Thurberesque traits (the freezing office was because he insisted - on hearing there was asbestos in a far part of the building-that the central heating be shut off), the corridors ringing with his greetings and laughter, all these will be sorely missed.

Although Sathya gained widespread recognition in many parts of the world, his elevation to a chair at York in 1996 took decades; his Inaugural Lecture was also a Valedictory Address. In the last phase of his career he went from strength to strength. His sudden death was a shock to all who knew him; he was genial, active and engaged with the world to the end.

DAVID EDWARDS

Tennalur Vengara Sathyamurthy, political scientist; born Madras, India 29 October 1929; Lecturer in Government, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 1962-63; Lecturer in Political Science, University of Singapore 1963-65: Senior Lecturer in Political Science, Makerere University, Kampala 1965-67; Lecturer in International Relations, Department of Politics, Strathclyde University 1967-68; Lecturer, Department of Politics, York University 1968-71, Senior Lecturer 1971-96, Professor 1996-1997 (Emeritus 1997); married 1963 Carole Methoen (one daughter); died York 25 August 1998.

Professor Peter Thorogood

with them until they've cried"). All PETER THOROGOOD was one of the foremost developmental biologists of his generation, gaining respect internationally for his research work on the development ings and had an ability rapidly to of cranio-facial structures in the embryo and foetus, and on the origin of birth defects of the head and

In 1989 he took the bold step of leaving his senior lectureship at Southampton University to take up a newly created position as Professor of Oral Biology at the Insti-tute of Dental Surgery, at the Eastman Dental Hospital in London. His remit was challenging in the extreme: to establish developmental biology as a bridge to link the emerging science of human genetics with the clinical disciplines of dentistry and maxillo-facial

So successful was Thorogood at this innovative, enabling role that, in 1992, he was persuaded to leave the Institute of Dental Surgery in order to take on a similar task, becoming Professor of Development Biology search projects of numerous around the corner at the Institute of Child Health and Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children.

He worked tirelessly to promote inter-disciplinary research at the joint institution and played a pivotal role in establishing the strong link between scientific and clinical research that is now much admired by similar institutions in the UK. Earlier this year he was elected to be Vice-Dean of the Institute of Child Health, a post he had been due to take up this autumn.

Thorogood published extensively in scientific journals and authored and edited several books, the most recent being Embryos, Genes and Birth Defects (1997). This volume is a tribute to his vision of an integrated approach to research into birth defects, bridging the gap between the laboratory and the clinic. He supervised many students through their PhD studies as well looking after the re-



undergraduates.

He received considerable research funding from many bodies, including an ongoing grant from the Medical Research Council to improve our understanding of human embryonic development in the hope of identifying new methods for prevention of birth defects. His efforts in this area leave a rich legacy for developmental biologists in the UK

He contributed to the scientific and academic community in a much broader sense than solely through his research, however. He was one of life's great enthusiasts, filling students with a desire to participate in the fascinating research area of embryonic development and building bridges with colleagues in clinical and related scientific areas.

Thorogood was born in 1947. went to school in Essex and studied for a degree in Zoology at the Uni-

dergraduate, he became fascinated by the mysterious processes that build an embryo from its simple beginnings in the one-celled egg. He worked for a PhD under the supervision of Professor Richard Hinchliffe, studying in what was, at that time, the newly emerging discipline of developmental hiology.

Between 1971 and 1978, Thorogood worked as a research scientist in the Universities of London, Nova Scotia, Glasgow and Oxford before, in 1979, moving to Southampton University as Lecturer, and later as Senior Lecturer, in biology. He gained a great respect for un-

dergraduate students and their teaching during this period, an experience that was to permeate the rest of his career. He always took the utmost care over the many scientific meetings and student courses that he organised, a fact that was always appreciated by the students who benefited from the warmth and concern that emanated from his teaching.

Peter Thorogood loved the outdoor life and was a keen walker and climber. He especially loved walking in Wales and winter climbing in Scotland, and recent ventures hadincluded a trip to the Italian Ains and climbing in the Himalayas. Shortly before his death, he enjoyed a family walking holiday in the Lake District after which he met up with a friend to go climbing in the Swiss Alps. While descending the 4,000m Jungirau mountain he fell and sustained fatal injuries.

ANDREW COPP

Peter Victor Thorogood, developmental biologist: born Ilford, Essex 23 July 1947; Lecturer, then Senior Lecturer in Biology, Southampton University 1979-89; Professor of Oral Biology. Institute of Dental Surgery, London 1989-92; Professor of Developmental Biology, Insti-tute of Child Health, London 1992-98; married 1979 Lyn Robertson (two sons); died Jungfrau, versity of Aberystwyth. As an un- Switzerland 25 August 1998.

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Verner Panton

VERNER PANTON, the legendary Danish architect and designer, was one of the most dynamic and creative figures of post-war design. "The main purpose of my work is to provoke people into using their imaginations," he said, and he did this with a vengeance with his attention-grabbing furniture and lighting and his mind-blowing textiles.

One of the reasons Panton will be remembered is that he was always one step ahead. Who was the designer of the first piece of inflatable furniture? Not the Italian team of Scolari, Lomazzi, D'Urbino and De Pas with their Blow chair of 1967, but Verner Panton with his inflatable stools for Unika Vaev as early as 1962. Who was the man behind all those Space Age spherical lampshades in the 1960s? Again, not an Italian, but Panton with his Moon lampshade for Louis Poulsen dating back to 1960, And who changed the course of pattern design at the turn of the 1950s from abstract expressionism to the geometric "look"? Not Heal Fabrics in Britain but Panton to Denmark with his remarkable Op Art-inspired Geometry rugs and fabrics for Unika Vaev, produced from the start of the decade

He was born in Gamtofte in Denmark in 1926, and attended the Oderise Technical School (1944-47), and the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen (1947-51). The early post-war period was a time of unparalleled optimism in international design, particularly in the Nordic countries where the concept of Scandinavian Modernism reached full maturity during the first decade after the war. This buoyancy was crucial to the shaping of Panton'a mindset, as was the opportunity he was given between 1950 and 1952 to work in the office of Arne Jacobsen, Denmark'a premier architect and designer.

By 1955 Panton was ready to establish his own design office, and during the second half of the decade, following in Jacobsen's footsteps, he began to design furniture for the Danish furniture manufacturer Fritz Hansen. His early designs were spirited creations in the prevailing spindly-legged international "Contemporary" style, made of narrow-gauge tubular steel slung with leather, canvas or, more daringly, with a zig-zag

arrangement of plastic strings. Panton had a fascination with modern materials, and felt compelled to explore these rather than relying on tradition. In this respect he was more in tune with international trends than with fashions in his native Denmark, where the prevailing trend was for finely crafted, elegant wooden furniture. "Steel tubes, foam, springs, and covers have been so developed technically that we can create forms which were uners should use these materials to create objects which up to now they could only

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see in their dreams. This is exactly what the irrepressible Panton did, inventing a hrave new world of design which had previously been limited to the realms of fantasy. In 1958 he created his first truly radical design, the Cone chair, which dispensed with conventional legs and pivoted on a circular or cross-shaped base. It was produced in several different versions. the most dramatic being an open wirework structure.

By this date Panton was becoming increasingly fascinated by the potential of plastics. Visits to factories to watch the manufacture of fibreglass crash helmets and plastic huckets convinced him that one day it would be possible to make a chair entirely from rigid plastic. By 1960 he had evolved a prototype for the cantilevered stacking chair which would eventually become known as the Panton chair. It took a further eight years, however, before he was able to find a manufacturer - the enlightened German company Vitra - who shared his vision essed the technical know-how to put the chair into production

Feeling the need to break away from the constraints of Scandinavian design, Panton moved to France in 1962. and a year later to Switzerland, where



he remained for the rest of his career. This move prompted partnerships with a number of German and Austrian factories, including Thonet, Metzeler-Schaum and Alfred Kill, and Bisterfeld and Weiss, while enabling him to maintain links with manufacturers in Denmark, namely the furniture-makers Fritz Hansen, Erik Jørgensen and France & Son, the lighting company Louis Poulsen, and the textiles firm

Although it was not until the 1970s

were clearly receptive to his ideas from

the early 1960s onwards, and by the sec-

ond half of the decade there was a strong

affinity between Panton'a work and

that of leading Italian designers such as

Joe Colombo, Vico Magistretti and Ser-

Danish post-war design. Even now

some people still find him hard to take,

the main reason being his fearless use

of colour, "Most people spend their lives

dwelling in dreary, grey-beige conformity, mortally afraid of using colours," he said.

"By experimenting with lighting, colours, textiles, and furniture, and util-

ising the latest technologies, I try to show

new ways to encourage people to use

Panton was the enfant terrible of

their fantasy and make their surroundings more exciting."

Panton conveyed this message most effectively through his interiors, particularly his showrooms for Unika Vaev where he juxtaposed his wire furniture against the backdrop and floorscape of his striking black-and-white geometric textiles; and later in the decade through his zingy orange and red capteen for the headquarters of Der Spiegel in Hamburg in 1969.

It was through his exhibition instal-

wind. An alliance with Bayer proved very

fruitful and led to his two memorable Vi-

stona installations at the 1968 and 1970

Cologne Furniture Fairs. The first was

a dream-like interior veiled with Draion,

specially printed with giant-sized pho-

tographic images of lips, hands, feet,

eyes and ears, symbolising Panton's de-

sire to overload the senses, while on the

floor were giant rubber balls upholstered

with Dralon towelling. The design writer

Svend Erik Møller described the in-

stallation as "a firework of light and

colours; sound and fragrance", and

characterised Panton's furniture as

visions of a future, more emancipated

way of life, sculptures made in air and

internally with psychedelic lighting to create a surreal and magical furniture "happening". The Pantower was a piece of organic sculpture which you could either sit on or inside. Large enough to accommodate at least four people concurrently, and designed to encourage varied postures, it was a communal seated the aspirations of the hippy era in which it was conceived. One of the most enduring images of Panton is a multiple exposure shot of the long-haired bearded designer lounging noncha-lantly in various positions inside his cre-

Panton's Visiona II installation for

Bayer in 1970 was another visual tri-

umph. The interior was crammed with

Pantowers, a revolutionary new piece

of furniture he had designed in 1968, lit

Panton was so far ahead of his thinking when he embarked on his career that it took the international design community at least a decade to catch up. From the 1960s onwards, he was lauded with honours all over the globe, and he remained a highly esteemed figure for the next 30 years. Last year he created a colourful new installation at Erco's London showroom, and he was on the panel of judges at 100% Design. Currently he is the subject of an exhibition at Kolding in his native Denmark.

Verner Panton was both the catalyst and the lead protagonist in the design revolution of the Sixties. He remaine true throughout his career to the spirit of continuous revolution which characterised that decade.

MAGDALIEN VANSTONE

Verner Panton, furniture and interior designer: born Gamtofte, Denmark 13 February 1926; married 1964 Marianne Pherson (one daughter); died Copenhagen 5 September 1998.

GEOGRAPHICAL NOTES

PETER DEMETZ

The many societies of pre-war Prague

I ALWAYS envied people born in cities in which a self-assured and compact society speaking the same language had the chance to live together and defend its achievements. Since I was born in Prague in the early 1920s of mixed Czech Jewish and Austrian parentage, I usually have an awful time explaining where I come from. When, after 40 years, I returned to my home town (somewhat shabbier than I had remembered it), the streets were full of tourists in search of "magic Prague", complete with century-old mysteries. The new tourist industry tried to sell the excellent local beer (overpriced), ridiculous Franz Kafka T-shirts, and excursions to the places where the ugly Golem - a kind of docile giant - was made of earth by the learned Rabbi Loew, and where the deranged Emperor Rudolf (in the early 17th century) presided over a court of wondrous alchemists in search of gold and crystalline waters of eternal youth.

The real mystery is that for so many centuries the four societies of Prague Czechs, Germans, Jews and Italians - lived and worked together, or at least side by side: the Czech baker and candlestick maker, the German civil servant, the Jewish merchant, and the Italian craftsman of the building trades, as well as their wives, sons and daughters.

There were many decades of tolerance, peace and prosperity but then there were the years of mass murder and expulsions. Three thousand Jews were killed in 1389, the Austrian Empress Maria Theresa expelled all Jews from the ancient town, and between 1940 and 1944, the years of the Shoah, the transports rolled to the camps.

At the height of the Hussite revolution (1420), the Catholics of whatever language had to leave, and after the Battle on the White Mountain, 200 years later, it was the Protestants who had to convert or leave; after the the Second World War, almost all Germans were expelled.

In the Democratic Republic of the 1920s and 1930s, citizens of all creeds and languages were protected by the constitution and the laws. When you felt Czech you read the patriotic newspapers, went to see the new play at the National Theatre, frequented the Cafi "Salvia", and on Sunday went with your kids to the Vysehrad where the great men and women of the Czech nation were buried.



Prague has a mythical image

If you were German or a German speaking member of the Jewish community, you had your own set of newspapers, attended the German Opera House, had your coffee at the "Louvre'. and took your kids on Sunday to the

"Baumgarten" (stromovka, in Czech). If you felt not particularly bound to either nation and spoke both languages it was all the better because you could talk to all the girls and take them to the movies, preferably those on fashionable Wenceslav Square

Now the city has changed and yet it has not; the bridges, palaces and chestnut trees are all there but the vulnerable interchange of idioms and the lively rituals of the different societies have gone, as irretrievably as those of ancient Alexandria or modern Sarajevo. That colourful magic of the many societies living in one place for centuries will not be easily restored, and the cosmopolitan din of the tourists does not, I think, entirely compensate for the loss.

I was first terribly mad at the purveyors of magical commodities, and later I was sad to learn that even my Czech friends for many decades cut off from public habits of sober analysis, were prone to accept a mythical image of their city - not because they were mystics (the writer Bohumil Hrabal reminds us that the favourite Czech Sunday meal consists of pork, cabbage, and dumplings) but because the Communists had favoured an official cult of the "real" and "realism": and to hold up magic traditions was a clear move to oppose the views prescribed by government.

Peter Demetz is the author of Prague in Black and Gold' (Penguin, £9.99)

'The Independent' sets out after the soapfish

A WEEK ago, in a simple ceremony, The Independent was launched. The priest baptised it with holy water. A godfather and godmother were in attendance. The godfather broke a bottle of beer over stern and prow. I threw a handful of small coins into the air. And then around 50 people pushed the bangka down into the sea, in which element it actually

I wish I could report a feeling of simple delight at the occasion, but I have to admit that delight was compounded with a certain shame at being such a show-off as to have allowed such a bangka to come into

My original idea had been to build a pleasure boat which would double as a businessboat, handling charcoal, copra and timber; pineapples, carabao and so forth.

Three people's fantasies combined in the construction: my own, those of the prospective captain and those of the carpenter. The nearer the fantasy came to reality, the greater the ripples of disappointment it created among those not involved, and the greater the squalls of possessiveness

among the team. The boat was being built, deliberately, in a poor part of the country. Handled, properly, it should provide a living for four or five families. As such, it represents a large intervention in the life of one village the kind of intervention than can easily turn out to have been irresponsible. Sometimes I look at the boat and think, oh dear, I hope nothing goes

A bangka is an outrigger honour down the Polillo Straits,

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James Fenton reports from Manila on the launch of his 'bangka': 'Morally speaking, it's a reprehensible boat. It's like me. It pretends to be working when it's just having fun'

cance. This one is 42 feet long. and sits high in the water. To maintain its balance and buoyancy, it performs the same trick as those tightrope walkers crossing over Niagara. It has three paltik, or braces, which are the equivalent of the tightrope walker'a pole, and supporting the outriggers

which are thick bamboo floats. At the centre of the boat itself is the engine - a convert-ed Isuzu diesel job, which is one of the main reasons why fishermen look at the boat and almost burst into tears at not

In the province of Bulacan, where we went for expertise, nobody gets tremendously worked up about such an engine. But, in this remote corner of Quezon, every machine is known and accounted for Without looking up at the passing bost, a fisherman will tell you that such-and-such an engine is a Fuso or a Stratton or whatever else is in use.

When we did our lap of

the inhabitants came out of their shore. I realised at that moment that I was the kind of slob you see poncing round the Mediterranean in a hideous, million-dollar, socalled yacht. It's simply a

matter of relative scale. All pleasure boats are, of course, ways of showing off. You can do it with a rowing boat. You can do it with a punt. This boat allows one the furtive thrill of a load of copra, when in fact you're just trying to impress your neighbours with a jet of spray. Morally speaking, it's a reprehensible boat.

It's like me. It pretends to be working when in fact it's just having fun. It conceals its motives behind a thicket of alibis. It wants admiration, It involves other people in its fantasies. It is designed for escape. It'a a shocker of a boat.

And I have to admit I like it very much. It'a going to introduce me to a world I only slightly know. There's something called a boring mussel. There's something called a horrid crab. There are sea squirts. worm sea cucumbers, squirrelfishes, soapfishes, diagram sweetlips, cleaner mimics and

There's exclamation coral and joker's boomerang coral This is the world of the sea wasp, the pistol shrimp and the mulberry drupe - unless the tomato clowns get me first, or the unicorn surgeons, or the sailfish tangs.

From 'Out of the East' on the Foreign News pages of 'The Independent', Monday 14 September 1987. The Law Report resumes with the Low Term in

WHEN ASKED for Frank Sinatra, a greasy-faced HMV assistant grunted "under Fin Rock & Pop" rather than \$ and Easy Listening (some Sinatra is desolate). Remonstration to the manager revealed that this churl "is on a work-experience week, we usually keep him out of

sight in the basement".

WORDS **CHRISTOPHER** HAWTREE intern, n.

wish that Monica Lewinsky had been so kept. His problem is not ours, which is a replacement for the cum-President Clinton must bersome work experience

(which prompts no noun). Ms Lewinsky was an intern. To English ears, this suggests a stretch in the Maze. Intern's orgins is in matters educational rather than merely offering more of the same. Meanwhile, work experience does not figure in the OED. Perhaps when it does, it will be with the abbreviation Obs.

GAZETTE

'By experimenting with lighting, colours,

textiles and furniture, and utilising the

latest technologies, I try to show new ways

to encourage people to use their fantasy and

make their surroundings more exciting'

manufacturer (Cassina), the Italians to throw caution completely to the

BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

DEATHS

WILLIAMS: Owen Robert, aged 35, beloved youngest child of John and Margaret, suddenly but peacefully on 9 September, but peacehilly on 9 September, at Harefield where, 12 years ago, by gift of a donor and with skilled medical care he received a new heart. Deeply loved and loving fiance of Helen, brother of Clarissa and husband Christo-Clarissa and husband Christo-pher and Gareth and wife Nicola Treasured and devoted uncle to Lydia, Joseph, Phoebe, Felix, Emily and Finn. Cremation at tom on Thursday 17 September at City of London Crematorium, Addersbrook Road, London E12. Aldersbrook Road, London E.E. Family flowers only, Donations welcome to Harefield Hospital Nursing Office), Harefield Site Hill End Road, Harefield, Middlesex UP9 6JH. (Specifying for ironsplant use, please).

BIRTHDAYS

Mr Paul Allott, cricketer, 42, Miss Amanda Barrie, actress, 59; Miss Sandra Blow, painter, 73; Mr James Clappison MP, 42; Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos CH, former Labour minister, 82; Professor John Coales. electrical engineer 91: Sir James Cobban, former headmaster of Abingdon School, 88; Vice-Admiral Sir William Crawford, 91; Lord Dean of Harptree, former MP, 74; Mr Morten Harket, pop singer, 39; Mr Martyn Hill, operatic tenor, 54; Mr Michael Howard, organ recitalist and conductor, 76; Mr Andy King MP, 50; The Hon Angus Ogilvy, husband of Princess Alexandra, 70; Air Marshal Sir Frederick Sowrey, 76; Mr Kepler Wessels, South African cricketer, 41; Mr Ray Wilkins, footballer, 42; Mr Nicol Williamson, actor, 60.

ANNIVERSARIES

Births: Sir Peter Lely (Van der Faes), painter, 1617; Johann Michael Haydn, composer, 1737; Luigi Cherubini, composer, 1760; Friedrich Heinrich Alexander, Baron von Humboldt, traveller and naturalist, 1769; Charles Dana Gibson, artist, creator of the "Gibson Girls", 1867; Jan Garrigue Masaryk, Czech statesman, 1886; Jack Hawkins (John Edward Hawkins), actor, 1910.

Deaths: St John Chrysostom ("Golden Mouth"), teacher, 407: Dante (Durante) Alighieri, poet, 1321; Robert Devereux, third Earl of Essex, soldier 1646; Arthur Wellesley, first Duke of Wellington, sol-

dier and statesman, 1852; Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin, architect, 1852; Isadora Duncan, dancer, killed in car crash 1927; Princess Grace (Grace Kelly) of Monaco. after a car crash 1982.

On this day: Napoleon and his army entered Moscow, 1812; Francis Scott Key com posed the poem "The Star-Spangled Banner", 1814; the first space machine landed on the moon: the Soviet Lunik II, 1959.

Today is the Feast Day of St Maternus of Cologne and St Notburga.

LECTURES

Victoria and Albert Muse um: Louise Leates, "Objects from the Collector's Cabinet in Northern Europe", 2pm.

ROYAL **ENGAGEMENTS**

The Prince of Wales under takes engagements in London and East Sussex.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD The Household Cavalry

Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am; 1st **Battalion Coldstream Guards** mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace. 11.30am, band provided by the Scots Guards.

APPOINTMENTS Mr Francis Cornish, to be

ambassador to the State of

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Poverty in the vicarage

Once among the most respected in society, Church of England clergy have declined in both wealth and status. By Ross Clark

or the congregation at St Nicholas's in Newport, Shropshire, the gentle, balding figure in the pulpit was the epitome of s. A parish priest for 32 years, he was always on hand to conduct a wedding, or even just a blessing for divorcees marrying for the second time around. Unfortunately, as we now know, St Nicholas's was the hub of one of the more unlikely criminal rackets of modern times.

Rector Roy Hibbert, who last week was jailed for nine months, had been stealing from his flock. Marriage and fimeral fees were exaggerated, some of the contents of the collection plate found their way into his pocket, bills were submitted for a caretaker and a verger, neither of whom existed.

The damage was less on his congregation's wallets than on their sense of trust. As one of his victims, Louisa Talbot, put it: "If you can't trust the rector, who can you trust?"

But you would have to be hardhearted not to feel some sympathy for a priest led off in irons. What the case of Hibbert demonstrates is not so much that the Church of England has a few bad apples - every institution has them - but just how much the lot of the parish priest has declined since Anthony Trollope could portray him as the wealthy functionary that he was.

What was once a rewarding career opportunity for second sons of the landed gentry has become, over the course of a century, a huge sacrifice. Gone are the rectories and their manicured lawns, gone are the domestic staff. Gone even is the leisure time to hunt, shoot and fish with the local squire, and all those other niceties of Trollopian England. Far from being an incumbent for life, as used to be the case, the chilly prospect of a homeless retirement now looms in the minds of most vicars. On the average stipend of £15.120, a vicar struggles to bring up a family, let alone save for the future. The £50,000 which Hibbert embezelled over 10 years went towards a retirement home; it would fill a lot of collection plates, but it didn't go far in the housing market.

Perhaps Hibbert, a father of three, was too proud, too embarrassed, to accept charity. In many people's eyes, vicars are supposed number of vicars are being forced to many cannot afford it." ed to two charities dedicated to the grants were for vicars who had ised stipend wherever in the country high pressure world of deadlines to



Former advertising executive Rev Peter Owen-Jones supplements his stipend by writing, a reasonably profitable sideline

the gentie backwater of rural life. In themselves," he says. "Although form first aid. He would act as the

got themselves into debt, others were for school uniforms, and in some cases, holidays.

"Requests for help are increasing," says John Greenie, of the Friends of the Clergy Corporation. "Clergymen aren't poor in absolute terms, but compared with other professional people they are. If they have several children, it is possible for them to become eligible for social security benefits. Half our grants · go towards holidays, because it is our to be organising charitable works, view that modern clergymen are a parish priest is the Reverend not benefitting from them. Yet char- under considerable stress, It is imity is a course which an increasing portant for them to get away, but

they serve. All now receive between £14,600 and £15,510. Although they live in a rectory rent-free, running costs have to be paid for out of the stipend. Stipends do not increase with age or service. As a result, a vicar retires on the same money as is earned by a vicar in his twenties: a hard fact to swallow in an age in which promotion is seen as the ultimate judge of self-worth.

One priest who knows all about the sacrifices involved in becoming Peter Owen-Jones, now incumbent of four parishes outside Cambridge. Until 1992 he was a high-flying adended for good in 1972. It was then verts for, among others, Saatchi that the comfortable livings were and Saatchi. He then answered Sons of the Clergy, and the Friends abolished and the money re- what be says had been a 10-year callof the Clergy Corporation. Many of allocated to give vicars a standard-ing to the priesthood. From the

fact, he says, the experience was almost exactly the opposite. The world he gave up was one of long lunches and four day jollies to Geneva to decide where to put the comma in an advert. The world he discovered was the one with the vicious deadlines. "I have a gap of just 10 minutes

between two of my services," he says. "And they are in different parishes. A contemporary priest is a bit like a petrol-driven executive. You spent a lot of time in the car Visiting people is a luxury." Like many vicars, Owen-Jones your contact with the present one.

has developed a sideline to help supchildren: in his case writing. His first gy assumed all manner of profesbook, Bed of Nails, was about his time at theological college.

their former occupations to support no doctor, and so the vicar would per-

they tend to keep quiet about it. Being a priest is a wonderful way of life, but you can't eat avocados or afford to have people round to dinner. Socially it is a bit of a killer."

But money isn't what is bugging the modern vicar so much as the loss of status. The parish priest used to enjoy the status of a learned man; back in the Middle Ages, he may have been the only person in the parish capable of reading and writing. The vicar wasn't just your local contact with the next world, he was

"There was a spell in the 18th and sional roles," says Archdeacon "Many vicars dip into and out of Board of Ministry." Often there was congregations that 'we are all min-

morale of the clergy can suffer from very small congregations, too. When you are preaching to four or five people, it no longer becomes appropriate to use the pulpit."

The public perception of what a vicar should and shouldn't be has changed as dramatically as has the job itself. In an age in which only 10 per cent of the population attend church, it is the music hall image which prevails. In advertising, vicars are relentlessly parodied as crumbling figures giving into temp-tation. We still think of them as monks, even though the monastic orders of the Church in this country were disbanded in 1538. The idea of seeing vicars as professionals, on a per with doctors and lawyers, as they were in Trollope's day, would seem outrageous to church-goers and non church-goers alike.

Tt would be a considerable problem for society if clergy were earning £35,000 a year and driving flashy cars," says West. "The logic of a stipend is not that it is a salary, but that it gives you just enough money so that you can support yourself without doing any other work." But suddenly, the vicars are fight-

ing back. Of the 8,000 parish priests, 1,500 are now represented through a chapter of the Manufacturing Services and Finance Union. One of its campaigns, unsuccessful so far has been to try to persuade the Gov-ernment to enable defrocked vicars to resort to industrial tribunals. Recently, the union wrote to the Church Commissioners demanding a rise in stipends to £18,400, which would amount to an inflation-busting 22 per cent increase - something which would be unlikely to impress that famous son of the Manse, Gordon Brown. So does that mean you will face a picket line next time you go up for communion? According to the unfortunately-named union organiser, the Rev Stephen Trott, there will be no industrial action. called in the riot squad. Nowadays, the status of the profession has fall-

Some people do have a problem with vicurs becoming unionised," admits the Reverend Michael Smithson, a union rep who looks after a parish in inner city Portsmouth. "But the truth is that Christians have long been in the forefront of fighting for better working conditions."

parish priest in Wolverhampton in Even the rectories of Trollopian times resounded to incumbents volunteer priests known as "orgrumbling over the size of their livings. Often the son of the gentry who "The vicar's status has been re-received the money was not the one duced by the move towards a min- who did the work many 19th century istry of the people," he says. "The vicars were non-resident, leaving parish. And, as the sorry tale of Revjust the vicar, but every baptised pererend Harding in Trollope's The Gordon Kuhrt, Chief Secretary of the ister. There is a feeling among Worden reminds us, a priest who seems to be living too well has isters in this place together'. The always been a figure of suspicion.

Chris Patten: A JOLLY DECENT chap

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And what do you say? Forgive me, Lord, I have irritated Rupert Murdoch enormously this week? "Now I have to be careful what I say here. Murdoch's a papal knight."

Chris's book, of course, received a great boost to sales before it was even half-written, when the original

publishers, HarperCollins, dropped him on the direct instructions of Murdoch, their owner.

Chris was shocked, yes: "Td been in London in January, and I'd already submitted six chapters, which everyone was very excited about. HarperCollins even held a dinner for me at The Savoy.

"I returned to France, then, three days later, my agent told me HarperCollins had decided to drop the book, because it was not as I'd said it would be in my outline, and they didn't think it would sell."

As it transpired, the true reason

terests in China. Perhaps, I suggest, Patten could now make it up to him by writing a book called, say, Monchester United go to Peking and Have a Jolly Good Time In the Hands of The Delightful and Straightforward Chinese Government? Chris says: "I have my next book in mind, actually." Which is?

"Can't really say at the moment."
WELL PUT AGAIN, SIR! Anyway, Chris seems to have been quite a serious child, with two has always been very much to the great passions - books and cricket. He read Forster and Conan didn't go the whole hog, and just be-

might damage his commercial in- the England fast bowler, Brian "to be Labour you have to accept Statham, from one county ground rather more ideological baggage." to another

His first political memory? His father, he replies, "taking me for a walk at the time of Suez, to tell me there could be another war. The only other time he'd taken me for a walk was to talk about sex".

PRECOCIOUSLY CLEVER, he won an exhibition to study history at Balliol, Oxford, aged 16 and a half. He became a Tory at University. He left of the party, so I wonder why he was that Murdoch was afraid it Doyle, when not too busy following come Labour "Because," he replies, him, and say, "I need the lav", how

He met Lavender, who was at the time a law undergraduate, while at Oxford. He fell for her hands: "I do like nice hands." They seem an especially devoted couple.

East and West is dedicated to her, which is "more than a marital formality ... she has been my best friend ... my constant support." They row rarely but, yes, he does irritate her sometimes. "I'm inclined to be sanctimonious. I don't always listen to what she has to say."

When guests come round, I ask But, then again, maybe he won't.

do you know whether to say "top of the stairs" or "she's in the kitchen. clucking disapprovingly over my

village schoolteacher, and would

often be a de facto magistrate, who

en away." But even in their own

churches, vicars do not feel the authority they used to. Canon Dr Michael West began his career as a

the early Seventies. Now, he trains

dained local ministers" to preach

son is called by Christ to be a min-

alongside the full time clergy.

risotto"? "Yes, well." replies Chris, "She was called Lav at school, much to her irritation. Now, when I want to annoy her, I call her Mother." HOW

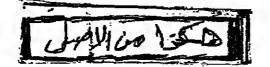
TOUCHING! · Chris, who went into politics straight from university, and has therefore always been paid for by the taxpayer, must now get on with "earning an honest crumb". He may, one day, return to politics.

don't think it bothers him especially I don't think he's particularly ambitious anymore. Still, we've had a VERY PLEASANT lunch. He's a WARM and AMICABLE

man although not especially complex and with exceedingly daff hair, now I think about it. I might not be here next week. So, should you wish to reach me, try: coffeestained@stainednants. monthly for as long as the title can. be.sustained.co.uk

Chris Patten's 'East and West', Macmillan, £22.50, HIGHLY REC-OMMENDED and CHEAP AT I'm not sure he's sure, plus, I TWICE THE PRICE!

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THE MONTH RIVIEW

'I'd never, ever, forgotten her'

A FAMILY AFFAIR

THIS WEEK, A BROTHER AND SISTER, PARTED FOR MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS, TALK ABOUT HOW THEY WERE REUNITED

Joyce Moulding, 53, from Hexham, but I'd always thought it might be Northumberland and her brother best not to track her down. What if Joseph McGuiggan, 59, from Sac-she'd never been told about me or riston, County Durham, recently met up for the first time since childhood. Their mother died in 1945, aged 24, and their father arranged for them to be adopted by two separate families. He himself died seven years later.

Joseph

evening earlier this year when I saw my name in the 'Searchline' column of the Newcastle Evening Chronicle. It was the second letter Joyce had written but the first one that had mentioned me by name. I only saw it by chance - I usually just glance at that page.

This time, though, I noticed someone was trying to find a Joseph McGuiggan - I have always spelt my name McQuiggan, so I didn't think anything of it at first.

Then I saw this McGuiggan had almost the same birthdate as me and thought "there's a coincidence". I continued reading the letter and recognised the names Hannah McGuiggan and Joseph Watson, for our care. He was left with two my birth mother and father. Then it young children he couldn't look dawned on me the Joseph in the letter had to be me. It was such a job as a meat porter Anyway, the shock; I yelled so loud my wife thought I must have had some sort about us - be did his best. of accident

The letter was from Joyce, although I didn't know at the time she Joyce was my sister, I'd always remembered her as Margaret Rose, and she didn't say in the letter that she was looking for her brother.

So, I wrote to her anonymously with a phone number for her to call. When she rang me and asked if I could help ber find Joseph McGuiggan, I said, 'You're speaking to him now'. I could just hear this gasp on the other end of the phone.

Then she told me she was Margaret Rose and ber adoptive family had changed her name when she went to live with them. I also learnt day on the wrong day.

We arranged to meet in Newcastle and I was okay until I saw the Type Bridge from the window. Then I started to feel really odd: I needed fresh air. I had terrible butterflies ion my stomach. In the two weeks or so before we'd met, we'd exehanged letters but the big thing was actually seeing her again.

I couldn't wait - I was going to see my little sister, who I'd last seen when she was just a nine-month-old baby. I'd never ever forgotten her

common serious learning

From nursery school

families can become

increasingly damaged if

onwards, children and their

dyslexia goes unrecognised.

bullied humiliated (through

ignorance) or considered to

Dyslexic children may be

be late developers, which

leads to feelings of inade-

quacy, frustration anger

and isolation. The earlier

dyslexia is diagnosed, the

better Diagnosis brings

huge relief and proper help

enhances both ability and

following questions is "yes"

your child may be dyslexic.

self-confidence. If the

answer to most of the

difficulty but it affects three

times as many boys as girls.

about her real mother and father? I didn't want to cause anyone any

distress. Fortunately, she found me. But seeing her at the station was just wonderful. We hugged. I dried ber tears and we went for tea and talked for hours and hours.

Now I've joined Joyce in the aearch for other relatives. It's like finding the pieces of a jigsaw. We've tracked down cousins in Australia can still remember the and family in Slough, and today we got a copy of our father's death certificate from the registrar's office in Newcastle, It's a fantastic feeling. Yes, I'm sad at the years we've missed - I could have been Joyce's big brother all this time.

We're both grandparents now, and we could have shared so many family events. But I don't feel angry or bitter. Our mother was ill with TB before she died, and came out of the sanatorium too soon because she couldn't bear to be parted from us. We have been told that if she'd stayed in for another month, she would probably have recovered.

When she died, the ill-feeling on her side of the family meant our father thought it better to go to friends after because he had a shop and a families he found for us really cared

ntil I was 12 years old I didn't even know I was adopted. Then I found some hirth certificates in a drawer at home and saw I had a different name, to the boys I thought were my brothers. My adoption papers were there too. A year or so later, I managed to find the courage to talk to my adoptive mother about it.

All she told me was, 'Yes, you were adopted at six weeks old'. which wasn't true. She said nothing mother had died, and she didn't mention Joe.

But I remembered my adoptive brother once telling me that I had a brother called Joe. I had also memorised every detail of my birth

certificate and adoption papers. My adoptive parents were good people and they loved me but they could never bring themselves to tell me about my origins. I feit I couldn't

Earlier this year I started to



Joyce and Joseph reunited. 'We could have shared so many family events. But I don't feel angry or bitter,' says Joseph

contacted me in response to my first letter in the Chronicle and told there had been a little boy adopted as well I remembered the name Joe and found his birth notice in the indexes held on microfiche at Newcastle Central Library. It was there in the very first year I looked through - 1939. I went to the registrar's office and got his birth cer- is getting easier. Joe's adoptive

ages, stunned. That gave me the and many of them are still alive - family. But Joe remembers them as the feeling of a strong family bond. confirmation I had a brother after we've found a cousin down South being very happy together.

all and the details to search for him. I was so nervous about meeting Joe. I knew we would get along - it was not that sort of worry. I was just so emotional about the whole thing.

Now we've found each other, though, filling in the family history search in earnest. A family friend tificate - I just sat looking at it for mother had 17 children of her own

who knows a lot.

Our mother Hannah was a very strong-willed girl, and she was only 17 when she left home to live with our father.

He was forty years older than ber. They never married which, along with the age difference, caused a lot of friction between her and her about meeting up with Joe again is Ian Duncan/North News

We've got a lot in common and we get on so well - he really feels like my brother.

Anyone who has information about Joseph and Joyce's family can call photos of Joe and me in our thirties Joseph on 0191-371 1355.

> INTERVIEWS BY HEATHER WELFORD

INFORMATION FT IS estimated over two million people in the UK have severe dyslexia and five mil-UNLIMITED lion people are less seriously affected. It is the single most

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NO.5 DYSLEXIA



Before age seven Persistently jumbles

 Can't remember the names for everyday objects, eg table and chair Difficulty learning nursery rhymes and rhyming words Learns to speak clearly noticeably later than others Is often accused of not histening or paying attention Trips, falls over or bumps into things a lot Has difficulty with skipping, catching, kicking or clapping to a simple rhythm Has problems dressing and putting shoes on the correct feet Ages seven to 11 Has difficulty with reading and spelling Puts figures or letters the wrong way round

Has a poor concentration

span for reading and writing

• Takes longer than average

to do written work

 Has problems understanding what they have read · Confuses left and right, days, months and years Has difficulty understanding time and tense • Can answer questions

orally but has difficulty writing the answer Is unusually clumsy Has trouble with sounds in Is surprisingly bright and alert m other ways Lacks self-confidence Ages 12 to adult Inaccurate reading Bizarre spellingDifficulty in taking notes, copying, planning, writing essays or letters

Needs to have telephone

numbers or instructions re-

peated several times Gets tongue-tied using long words · Confuses places, times Lacks confidence

Most dyslexic children should get the help they need in school and may be assigned a special needs teacher. Schools are expected to do everything possible to make sure children with educational difficulties are properly provided for Call the Department of Education Publication Centre on 0845 6022260 for the code of practice schools

should follow. If the parents and the school agree a child is not getting enough help within the system, they can ask the

(LEA) to make a statutory assessment of the child's problems under Section 329 of the 1996 Education Act. Once the LEA has agreed to conduct an assessment it will gather reports from the parents, the school, the LEA educational psychologist (who may be independent or attached to the LEA), the District Health Authority, the medical officer, speech therapists and the school's doctor. It will analyse the child's special educational needs and should then make sure appropriate provision is made. Parents can give their own advice and to submit independent evidence. Once the assessment is completed the LEA should issue a statement which details the child's precise educational difficulties and specifies what should be done to give the child the help they need.

Local Education Authority

The British Dyslexic Association - Helpline 0118 9668271 or e-mail: adminatododusleria.demon.co.uk - for

advice and information. The Dyslexia Institute -01784 46385 has a network of professional centres for independent assessments,

needs.

costing £200-£300. Network 81 - 01279 647415 set up to help parents with special needs children. Advisory Centre for Education - 0171 354 8321 helpline open 2-5pm. Has publications on special

Independent Panel for Special Educational Advice 01394 382814 - supports parents and helps them get the right assistance for special needs, as well as offering a representation service for tribunals.

Tale of the long distance lovers

We don't have any pictures of

them but we're hoping other friends

and relatives might be able to find some. It's fascinating to spot fami-

the likeness is very clear.

ly resemblances - when you see

in fact, one of the great things

Many young professional couples are choosing to live apart. How does it feel to be together and separate at the same time? By Helena Pozniak

over. No more blissful weekends away, no stolen moments between hectic working weeks, no sweet whisperings over the telephone. Just three hours of traffic on the M3, a spot of road rage, and a sketchy map to the pub where my partner would, apparently, be found. Who, out of choice, would live apart from their partner? In fact, more people than ever

before. Many are graduates and professionals, unwilling or unable to jeopardise careers or leave jobs to live with their partners. A long-distance relationship can cost you dearly - double rents or mortgages, sky-high

phone bills and fares. Not to mention the emotional toll of living two separate lives. Judy Cunningham, director of operations at London Marriage Guidance Council, says: "When do you learn about the ordinary things? Your lives spart feel more like real life than the time you spend together."

Another casualty of separate lives is your own time alone. Weekends are your only chance to be together, so you leave no space for yourself. "You have very little choice, you're thrown together and forced to do something when you may be so stressed out you just want to collapse."

However, Cunningham concedes that separate homes can suit some couples perfectly. "Some genuinely don't want to make a home together - and it works extremely well providing that's how they want to stay: as



Suna Erdem and Firat Kayakiran are happy apart

weekenders." But what if you until he left for New York - then don't want to live out of a suit- I realised how much I missed case, snatching time together, him. I want an ordinary life now forced to be jolly from Friday to - I'm dying for mundane things, Sunday? "Compromise," adlike watching television and vises Curningham. "Do it and not having to talk, and knowing review it every three to six he's not leaving tomorrow. months and then decide -"We speak on the phone three times a day - which is what's more important, your career or being together?" probably too often - and then,

twice a month

says Ottalie. "Andy proposed

one year, but I wasn't ready, so

he decided he had to go. I

Ottalie Stevenson, 30, and when he's here, I want to dis-Andy Preston, 32, have comcuss things in more depth. muted across the Atlantic for "Now I want to get on with one of the three years they've life, get the Sunday papers delivered, have kids. We've had been together. She runs her own textile business in London, our fair share of romance and he's a stockbroker in New York. fast living - we won't lose out, Distance gave them focus; they got engaged and Andy plans to

just live another lifestyle." "I find the fatigue a strain, leave America for England. but I enjoy weekends, regard-They see each other about less," says Andy. "There's no time for friends or family, though. Ottie thinks, 'T've only We've had a strange relationship, together then apart." got you for two days, you're not

allowed to see your mates'. "I think, for Ottie, it's been useful - her priority in the past has always been her business. wasn't sure about marriage

There's no financial strain to our lifestyle. I'm extremely well paid. I can pick up the phone, fly over to see a client and call in to see Ottalie."

Suna Erdem and Firat Kayakiran, both 28, have lived apart for 11 months, after four years of living together. He's a journalist in Istanbul, she moved to London to take a job as a television producer. They married eight months ago and set a deadline of one year apart. Money permitting, they try to see each other once a month.

"When we've been apart, it takes time to adjust," says Suna. "We don't run into each others' arms at the airport, it's

more like 'who is this person?'. "We've set ourselves a deadline to be together, otherwise we may drift. I'm less introspective now, more alert to what's around. When you live

together, you focus inwards." "If we've been apart too long, the person you see doesn't fit what you imagine and you see changes," says Firat. "When you live together, you know each other so well - it took us nearly two years to learn about each other. If you're away, there's a danger you might forget all this, and have to start

from the beginning again. "People assume after we married, we'd be together. But I don't feel under pressure. Neither of us are ready to compromise our careers - our relationship is strong enough for us to live this way at the moment. But if I felt Suna was stressed or threatened. I would drop everything to go to her."

Reflection on a Miller's tale

Not content with being a neuropsychologist and director, Jonathan Miller is curating an exhibition on 'Reflection' and the way we look at ourselves. So how

does he see himself? By Rachel Barnes

the tall figure on the steps of the National Gallery in the pale morning sunshine. He turns his face and the hooded brown eyes are kindly, vulnerable and a little sad. But as he starts to talk this slight air of melancholy is quickly dispelled by his persuasive voice and instant affability.

"Shall we go outside? You won't have too much to carry?" he asks, immediately solicitous.

Renaissance man, polymath, universalist, Jack of all Trades ... Jonathan Miller's astonishing capacity to move from one world to another has both inspired and, at times, alarmed. It seems to rather surprise him. "I suppose it is true, my life does resemble a butterfly's existence, moving around from one flower to the next," he says ruefully. "But of course butterflies do pollinate. There is a point to their activity. I hope there is to mine"

Miller's parallel lives as a neuropsychologist and stage director are well-known. But recently he has made a foray into another world. He has just finished curating his first art exhibition, Mirror Image for the National Gallery. which opens this week.

Miller's evident passion for life and people is instantly infectious. His flow of conversation is interspersed with impersonations of of levels all the time and is conthe trendy television producer or the art lover: "My dears, did you see the Massacios? They were wonderful!" One is reminded that it was as a stage performer Miller first be- appearance of things ... What repcame famous, almost 40 years ago in Beyond the Fringe.

His peculiar charm lies in his attentiveness and interest in everyone around him. "I have to say I'm very in awe of you as an art historian," he flatters.

"The English have always been suspicious of me," he says. "Alan [Bennett] is somehow much more Romney in his portrait of Mrs Rusacceptable. I've always heen more sell and Child. of an outsider."

ity not so much to criticism, but to medical research field, have rehad press and does not pretend it Rosie and her baby sister. This has doesn't upset him. "I try and avoid re-awakened his interest in child dereading reviews these days, but velopment he watched transfixed even that doesn't always work." We as Rosie started to notice herself in discuss how and why art criticism, the mirror. He clearly dotes on indeed most forms of criticism, re- them. "I remember an American Nineties. "That whiff of testos- children. Why didn't we do it this was only seven years old.

tisn't too tricky identifying terone as they go in for the kill is way the first time?' It is wonderful the tall figure on the steps unmistakable," says Miller. "The to watch the growing up process best writers on art, or theatre and opera for that matter, are the ones with less of an axe to grind and less

of their own ego involved." The idea for his exhibition, Jonathan Miller on Reflection, came from a series of lectures Miller gave for the National Gallery on "Looking", a subject which fascinates him. It is partly his interest in psychology that triggers his interest in art. He is especially interested in body language and how this is represented in art.

The way that we look at each other, or avoid looking at each other communicates on all manner



stantly revealing," he says. "I also like the intellectual problem of how you go from the appearance of things to the representation of the resentation really is."

The exhibition clarifies the human capacity to recognise real life mirrors as well as those in paintings - a complex psychological process of which we are normally unaware. The young child's first delighted recognition of himself is captured in the show by George

Miller and his wife of 40 years, critics. He has had his share of cently become grandparents to

to watch the growing up process again with the eye sensitised by the previous exposure, but relieved of

the pressures of caring.". Visitors to Mirror Image will be able to examine the optical effect of real windows and mirrors as well as the reflective illusions produced by artists. They will also be able to walk through a corridor of windows and mirrors to experience the sensation of "the Looking Glass House". "Some of the paintings in the show are about vanity, like the follower of Leonardo's Narcissus," Miller says. "But of course looking in mirrors is not only to do with vanity. It can be more psychological, to do with reassuring ourselves of our existence or our own place in the world.

"I think my interest in looking at paintings was initially very bound up with my interest in hiology," he says. "At the age of 12, I was given a telescope and from then on I became completely obsessed with biology and thought about it morning, noon and night. Up until that age I think catapults and girl's bottoms had held far more fascination!"

I ask him how he finds the art world in comparison with, say, the world of opera or of neuropsychology? "Well, like everything else it is quite a closed world. But so of course is the theatre - not a world I would care to be in permanently - although I enjoy the tantrums and grease paint for a while."

"Art history is fascinating, but the worst of it is that it can become a game in its own right. The other regrettable aspect about the visual arts, in comparison with the other arts, is the peculiar snobbishness attached to it."

At 63, Miller says that he does not think more about mortality now than before, although he believes that he has become wiser. "But as a result one can also become sadder and more aware of mankind's terrible failings," he says.

But that pessimism can always Miller is known for his sensitiv- Rachel, a retired GP now in the he redeemed by unexpected compassion in other people. Did you see Michael Apted's 42up on the television? One of the interviewees who went to St Paul's, as I did, ends un so much not following the public school boy's path, but teaching in a state school in the East End. But you could see his concern for mains a male preserve, even in the friend's joke about having grand- others developing in him when he



Jonathan Miller, left; 'La Parisienne Japonaise' by Alfred Stevens, above, part of 'Mirror Image' Collection Musée d'Art moderne et d'Art contemporain de la Ville de Liège

"It is strange to look back to my own early days in Beyond the Fringe. What is it that Alan and I had or have that has so far helped to keep us from the self-destructive tendencies that took a hold of Peter [Cook] and Dudley [Moore]?" Dif-

ferent backgrounds, I suggest. "There was really nothing to indicate it then," says Miller: "It is only with hindsight you might see something. It is all about different personalities reacting in different ways to the chances life offers. And al- portraiture, for example -you could

chance, it is, of course, our own na- aspect of mirrors alone ... But you tures, formed relatively early on can't do everything, can you?" he

that predetermine how we react... asks beseechingly. "That is what is so endlessly interesting about paintings. The way in which we all bring our own experiences to pictures and interpret them so differently." He looks anxthinking of things I could have included in the exhibition and the book ... The whole problem of self

No. Perhans not everything, But Jonathan Miller gets closer than

'Mirror Image: Jonathan Miller ious for a moment. "Oh dear, I keep on Reflection' begins at the National Gallery on 16 September. The book 'On Reflection' by Jonathan Miller will be sale at the National

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

Today On this day in 1814 Francis Scott Key wrote a ditty entitled "Defence of Fort McHenry" which proved a sleeper; set to the tune of an English drinking song and given the snappy title of "The Star-Spangled Banner", it was adopted as the L'S national anthem - in 1931.

"The Ying Tong Song" by the Goons hit the Hit Parade in 1956. Eventually, Milligan, Secombe and Sellers saw their surreal song climb to No 3, streets ahead of their previous chart success, "I'm Walking Backwards to Christmas". The Goons' musical director later changed sex.

Wednesday In 1847 the United Shakespeare Committee paid £3,000 for the Bard's hirthplace, the first building in Britain to be acquired for preservation. In 1890 it was a case of "The Gentleman Vanishes", a real-life Hitchcock-style mystery in which film pinneer Louis Le Prince boarded a Paris bound-train with his prototype projector - and was never seen again.

Thursday The first wide-screen feature film, entitled The Fox Movietone Follies of 1929, was premièred on Broadway in, naturally, 1929. Unfortunately it needed a 28ft-wide screen and in most cinemas the edges of the picture would have ended up on the exit to the toilets.

Friday Jimi Hendrix, who played better guitar with his teeth than most people with their fingers, died in 1970. At 7am he crawled into bed the was having an early night) with nine sleeping tablets, vomited and suffocated.

In 1973 Paul Theroux caught the 3.30pm train from Victoria to the lands that liebeyond Platform 7, such as Tokyo. His journal, The Great Railway Bazaar, was even wittier than a Stagecoach timetable.

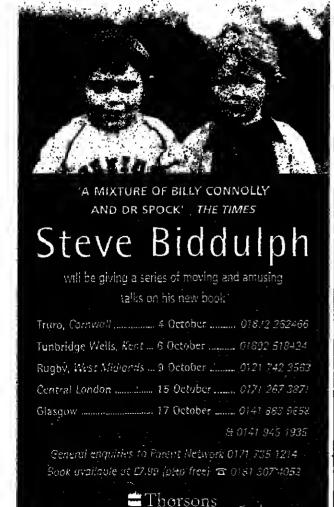
Composer Jean Sibelius died in 1957, 17 years after he had became an ex-composer and recluse. The creator of Finlandia, he was proud to be Finnish but possibly ashamed of his eighth symphony, which he destroyed.

JONATHAN SALE

From Britain's No.1 Childcare Guru

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WHY BOYS ARE DIFFERENT -AND HOW TO HELP THEM BECOME HAPPY AND WELL-BALANCED MEN



Friends, countrymen, lend me your ears

THERE ARE mad dogs and there are Englishmen, as we know from Noel Coward, And even the stone cold sober among us will swear to have spotted both at Saturday's Last Night of the Proms. Union Jack ears were all the rage this year: pricked-up ears for the men, a droopy beagle-like de-sign for the ladies (what kind of malicious person thinks up these things?). The Albert Hall was awash with them; it was like a scene from Gremlins, only more surreal. A colleague I've known for years sat to my right. He, too, had sprouted Union Jack ears. Only he didn't appear to have noticed. Pen in hand, he diligently, doggedly (oops) went about the job in hand. Another colleague had brought his young son. He lis-

PROMS THE LAST NIGHT:

BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND **CHORUS** BBC SINGERS ROYAL ALBERT HALL

(yes, I'm getting to the music) while daddy made paper aeroplanes from pages of the programme. It gets to you, does the Last Night. Where there's a flag you wave it; or wear it. Everybody sings "Land of Hope and Glory" and "Rule, Britannia!" and "Jerusalem" (yes, even critics) - and stands to do so. Not to do so brings instant and unceremonious ejection. One of the "new" pieces on this year's from Hyde Park where 40,000 bill of fare was called "These more mad dogs and Englishtened intently to the music Premises Are Alarmed". men, with umbrellas, had gath-



Promenader: prepared for every patriotic note

Alarming more like. As was the sudden appearance of Terry Wogan, fresh

ered for Proms in the Park. Andrew Davis urged us the can be so strict) to chant "Hello Park" before accepting a platinum disc to mark 1.2 million sales of "A Perfect Day". His yearly re-

port, received in relative silence this year (the odd kazoo blast notwithstanding), chronicled the ever-growing success of the world's greatest music festival. We no longer need to put that in quotes. Where else would Henry

Wood rub shoulders with Hugh Wood (no less a showman on the evidence of his Variations for Orchestra)? Where else would Gershwin show songs nestle up to a contemporary premiere? Thomas Ades wrote These Premises Are Alarmed for the opening of Manchester's Bridgewater Hall. In four fantastic minutes, it's constantly reinventing itself. Ades seemingly never reproduces the same sound twice. He has a dazzling future. So did Gershwin, only he never lived to fulfil it.

singer turned lounge singer and sometime American hunk to lend new meaning to familiar Ira Gershwin's lyrics. "Dozens of girls would storm up," I had to lock my door", be sang while girls in several private boxes frantically indicated that

their doors were wide open. Earlier, the French pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet, his scarlet jacket and socks almost asnatty as his playing, made Variation 18 of Rachmaninov's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini sound just like a Gershwin tune. But even he, sartorially speaking, was no match for Hampson whose half Stars-and-Stripes, half Union Jack waistcoat was fitting attire for "Rule, Britannia!". She and Uncle Sam got along just fine.

EDWARD SECKERSON

A showcase of music from every sphere

strands in this year's BBC Proms has been the music of Karoi Szymanowski.

The critical cliche applied to the style Szymanowski developed from the time of the First World War is "scented", as if there were something reprehensible about it (real composers sweat). Certainly, the First Violin Concerto of 1916, played by Raphael Oleg and the Czech Philharmonic on Tuesday, offers an elusive experience, opening and closing in a pushed too hard- and Raphael

ONE OF the most welcome vein of intoxicating nature worship, hut becoming remarkably unpredictable for most of its 25-minute span.

No composer of the time commanded a more complex harmonic vocabulary than Szymanowski - it does not seem monotonous or obsessive, like Scriabin's. The orchestral writing is dazzling in its intelli-

The great thing about Tuesday's performance was its relaxed naturalness - it was not

PROMS CZECH PHILHARMONIC / BEC NATIONAL

ROYAL ALBERT HALL Oleg played with an ideally

ORCHESTRA OF WALES

distilled quality. The same qualities of moderation and discipline informed

Libor Pesek's conducting of Brahms's First Symphony, which almost seemed to play itself, without being routine or such lovely string sound, even under the considerable pressure of Brahms's demands. On Thursday, three of Szy-

manowski's Songs of a Fairy-Tale Princess, composed a year before the First Violin Concerto, were sung radiantly by Valdine Anderson, with members of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, conducted by Mark Elder, supplying Szymanowski's own arrangement of the origi-

nal piano part. Succinct and with the most

boring. What a pleasure to hear delicate endings, they pose The concert was something of none of the concerto's labyrinthine challenges to the listener. But Mark Elder evidently thought these might be found in Debussy's Jeur, which

he prefaced with his own spoken synopsis, making much of the triangular flirtation which was the ballet's subject. It was played with great precision and clarity, if rather

steadily as was Stravinsky's early Scherzo fontastique, a refinement of Rimsky Korsakof, at the start of the programme.

a showcase for the Welsh orchestra, which has improved out of all recognition. Holst's The Planets was stunning.

What a remarkable work it is - confident and clear. The introduction of wordless women's

'Neptune", the final movement. is brilliantly apt, and had my spine tingling as the off-stage. BBC National Chorus of Wales faded away, repeating the same two chords hypnotically.

A couple of fair-dinkum stirrers

In trying to make each other laugh, Roy and HG manage to keep Australia - and soon, Britain - in stitches. By Richard Bouwman

ve always been drawn to ideas, figures and issues that shit me," says John Doyle, one half of the legendary Australian comic duo Roy and HG. "If something shits me, I know it's going to amuse me. At the moment, William Hague, following his recent address to the Conservative Party, gave me the shits mercilessly."

"Yes," chimes his partner Greig Pickhaver. "There's nothing furnier than somebody relentlessly pursuing an idea. At the moment, Clinton is becoming really funny. The more seriously he apologises to the American community, the funnier he looks."

Doyle and Pickhaver (alias "Rampaging" Roy Slaven and H G Nelson, sporting legends, media pundits and now variety stars) have, over the past decade and a half, had Australians in stitches with their intemperate opinions on every subject under the sun, first on a four-hour Saturday afternoon radio programme, This Sporting Life, and then on television in Club Buggery, their own unique spin on the Saturday-night variety show.

Now they are bringing a version of this show to British TV with Planet Norwich ("Buggery has a different meaning for the British," explains Doyle, "but in Australia the name really means buggered, rooted, had the dick, nothing more. Echoing a culture that we thought was buggered - that is, the world of variety").

This is not the first time that British audiences have seen the pair, however. They had a regular short spot in Ben Elton's latest series, shown this summer, a threeprogramme run on Anglia TV last Year (Roy and HG's Bughouse), and appeared in one of the more puzzling beer ads (and that's saying something) with their "Tickle it wrigglers" campaign for Fosters Lager. The last-mentioned "was puzzling for us," says Doyle. "No matter how many ideas we tipped into the the funnel of that campaign, the drips that came through the bottom bore no relation to the ingredients we had put in. We wiped our hands of ownership of it pretty early in the piece."

Not that they are bitter. On the contrary, the pair in the flesh are as little like the stereotyped comic as you can imagine.

Most obviously, they are funny in real life: the bar of the Groucho Club where we met echoed with laughter for the duration of our early-morning interview, as the pair swapped witticisms, flights of fancy, and wellconsidered analyses of everything from Seinfeld, to Australian versus British humour, to sport, to William Hague and Bill Clinton. Indeed, it is their personal rapport that is the reason for their success as comics. As Doyle says, "H G (alias Pickhaver) amuses me enormously. I don't know how, but he manages to entertain me as much as he did 10, 15 years ago. It enables me - or it enables Roy to be either straight or funny, depending on how he reacts."

Their main tool is verbal facility. On radio, especially, the pair are able to sustain long improvisations which develop a manic rhythm and a twisted hut rigorous logic which can be hreathtaking. The shorter spots on TV also allow this, but the pitch rises much more quickly.



John Doyle ('Roy Slaven') and Greig Pickhaver ('H G Nelson'): According to Ben Elton, they are 'brilliantly anarchic, yet curiously sane'

"We like drilling something to death." says Pickhayer. "We can't say molehills and vice versa. We make the trivial serious and the serious trivial."

"And we never disagree with one another" adds Doyle.

Even in the short excerpts on Ben Elton's programme, the pair demonstrated the key to their humour; it is very rare to see an act who spend so much of their time trying to make each other laugh. Their method is based on structured ad lib.

There's a little hit of groundwork," says Doyle. "We know what we're going to talk about. What we don't know is what we're going to say." "You've got to allow yourself to be genuinely surprised by what the other says," adds Pickhaver. "You can't fake surprise."

"Yes, replies Doyle, "It rises and falls really on our ability to amuse

might to be able to amuse somebody else." Contrary to the laconic image, enough. We make mountains out of squeezing out words Crocodile Dundee-style only when necessary,

When it works, it can be dizzying. each other If we can do that we just on British audiences, the energy and inventiveness should carry viewers along. Their energetic use of language is complemented by their almost-surreal fictional personae:

> 'There's a little bit of groundwork. We know what we're going to talk about. What we don't know is what we're going to say ... You've got to be genuinely surprised'

and where they first started work-

"Language is really all we have," explains Doyle. "We use it as a sort of battering ram, brutal and blunt."

While some of the slang may be lost

cially in Sydney where the pair live sportsman, and many of the pair's most hilarious routines involve ing together. And they have a vibrant Roy's recollections of this rugby league test, or that US open, or an Ashes tour, or the Olympics, in which, of course, he took part.

He is the former player as sporting commentator, who always knows haver thoughtfully suggests). "H G says Pickhaver), the latter is less like-Nelson" is, in the language of sporting commentary, the "ball-by-ball man" (as opposed to Roy, who is "colour"); an excitable character given to hysterical mood swings. sometimes in the course of one sentence. Within this classic structure, the pair have the freedom to improvise, both as a duo, and in the celebrity interviews which are an integral part of Club Buggery/Planet Norwich.

As viewers of Clive Anderson or Mrs Merton know, the spoof inter-

view can be a minefield. There is often a misanthropic edge to these encounters, where humiliation, especially of the famous, is part of the aim, with the guest either sitting like a rabbit in headlights, or used rather crassly as the butt of

everything, and whose strongest scripted jokes. With this pair, though, conviction is that things will never though the former can happen ("Marbe as good as they were in his own tin Brundle finterviewed on Roy and and HG. day ("Think of Jimmy Hill," Pick- HG's Bughouse last year was wood."

ly. The main reason is that Roy and

HG are more like super-charged ver-

sions of Doyle and Pickhaver in real

life, and they are a couple of nice

blokes with no agenda apart from

making each other laugh. As Ben Elton says. They are stir-rers, they are brilliantly anarchic, yet curiously sane. And there's never any malice in their act."

As for the duo's expectations of their British season, they are supremely level headed. We've been invited to come here. and we look on it as an adventure."

says Doyle. I wonder if they have William Hague's phone number?

Roy and HG's 'Planet Norwich' is on Channel 5 at 10.50pm on Friday

HEROES OF OZ **COMEDY**

AUSTRALIAN HUMOUR has a reputation as being "dry". deadpan, corner-of-the-mouth type stuff. But the earliest famous professional comics were larger-than-life characters like the vaudeville performers Mo (Roy Rene) and George Wallace.

The first comie to achieve fame outside Australia was Barry Humphries, although he began here initially as a comic actor, taking such roles as Fagin in Oliver in the West End. His comedy specialised in wicked and satirical suburban grotesques, the most famous of whom was - and is - Dame Edna Everage. One of the keys to Humphries' appeal for British uudiences is the way his characters coincide with British prejudices about Australians. But his subsequent fame among Australians, at least initially, had a different cause - his vein of deprecation. even self hatred, for the narrow, parochial and arrogant suburban culture, and with which many Australians. especially in the Seventies, identified with.

Paul Hogan had some success in the 1970s and 1980s on British TV: once again his "Ocker" character chimed with British expectations – laconic, work-shy, intelligent but unintellectual.

The character of Crocodile Dundee with which Hogan subsequently achieved international fame in the 1980s was a more calculated version of his old "Hoges" character, a little older, a little wiser.

There was a vibrant TV comedy scene in the 1970s, but its products never really left Australian shores. The most significant character was Norman Gunston (played by actor Garry McDonald), an excruciatingly awkward chatshow host, who interviewed real celebrities live on air - the first incarnation of the spoof variety show. Gunston is the spiritual, if not the actual, ancestor of Mrs Merton, Alan Partridge and Roy

Today, there are a number of successful stand-ups working in Britain (Mark Little, Jimeoin Breudan Burns, Matthew Hardy), and this year's Edinburgh Festival featured talented newcomers Oz.dot.com. As Phil Davey, an Anstralian comedian who appears regularly on the British stand-up circuit, points out, it is possible to be a professional comedian in Britain, hnt not in Australia. "I'd be lucky to work twice a month in Australia, whereas here I work four, five, 10 shows a week, and there's also lots more TV work as well. It's a hit like being a self-employed plumber, except you make people langh instead of putting your arm down their s-bend."

Ultra scary with a modern bite

Blood-sucking fiends are back on our screens - the undead are out to get us all. By Gerard Gilbert

PUT IN descending order the following risks: unprotected sex with a stranger, eating a beefburger at a football match, or being bitten by

A nip on the neck by someone with over-sized incisors obviously comes at the bottom of most sane people's lists, which is a problem for Joe Ahearne. A 35 year-old veteran of the BBC2 hit This Life, he has just written and directed a sixpart series for Channel 4, Ultraviolet, that demands we take vampires seriously. That they are amongst us in considerable numbers. That they are organising. "I wanted to ask the question

what if vampires existed today what would they look like and how would they live?" says Ahearne. "And what if, rather than the lone figure in most vampire stories, they had become organ-ised. How would modern society respond to the threat - and what issues within today's society would be called into question?"

The vampires in Ultraviolet are organising because, for the first time in history, mankind has, according to this synopsis, the ability to destroy itself. CJD, E-coli and Aids are infecting their food source (an HIV infected vampire? Now there's a double menace).

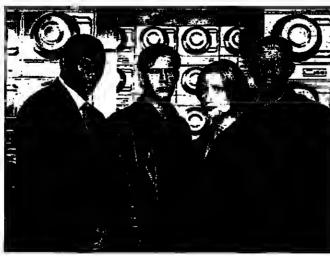
Instead of allowing us to roam free range, as they have for trinsically erotic."

centuries, they now want to farm

Jack Davenport, in his first role since playing libidinous lawyer Miles in This Life, takes the lead role of a policeman who is initiated into a special undercover squad whose job it is to track down and liquidate the undead too stakes in the heart - they use carbon hullets). Susannah Harker a direct descendent of Joseph Harker, spookily enough, a friend of Bram Stoker's and the inspiration for Jonathan Harker, the hero of Dracula - plays the only female member on the squad. She's a cancer specialist whose husband and son have been drafted into the ranks of the undead.

The credentials are excellent, in other words. But can we really get that unsettled by vampires, when there are real blood-borne killers out there on the streets of

Vampires are obviously a fimdamentally illogical concept," agrees Ahearne, a graduate of film school in Bristol (where David Puttnam was a tutor). "But, in this series, we have applied logic to the genre to see how far we can push it. It treats vampires seriously not ironically, metaphorically, or even erotically - although anyone biting another person on the neck is in-



The dedicated vampire hunters from 'Ultraviolet'

That's a brave, or foolhardy. thing to do when one assesses how filmmakers have dealt with vampirism in the days since Hammer played it straight with Christopher Lee ("the Sean Connery of Draculas", according to Ahearne). Humour, metaphor and eroticism are the usual modi operandi, whether it be George Hamilton camping it up in Love at First Bite or Isabelle Adjani proffering her milk white neck in Werner Herzog's Nosferatu

From The Hunger and Buffy

the Vampire Slayer. The Lost Boys to Fright Night, camp knowingness has been the tone taken by filmmakers to address the subiect. However, when Ahearne took his original script idea to former BBC drama supremo, Tony Garnett, at World Productions, and told him that he wanted to play it straight, Garnett told Ahearne that he would not like it any other way. The perception was that vampires had had every last dreg of camp and eroticism sucked out of

settles people today," says Ahearne. "Some fears are age old, like dying, but the series ingenetic engineering and paedophilia. Blood, and what can be transferred in blood is heavily in people's consciousness these

"Also, people's concepts of evil have changed so much and I am interested in testing how 'good' characters might respond to the threat that vampires would pose. Are, indeed, vampires unremittingly evil?"

The blurred moral edges might sound all too modern, but Ultraviolet is a very long way from the cynical, smart-talking, twentysomething lawyers who dominated This Life. Ahearne scripted two of the episodes from the second (and final) series, and directed a further three.

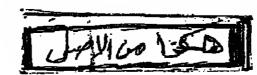
His favourite line of dialogue, by the way, was one he wrote for Anna, when she was choosing gay character Warren's leaving present with an uneasy Miles. "Trying on a Versace is not the same as taking it up the burn," she says. So Ultraviolet has quite a lot

'Ultraviolet' starts on Channel 4 tomorrow, at 10pm

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NETWORK

Nerd's the word as geek becomes chic

A new Channel 4 series honours the heroes of the Internet. By Vanessa Thorpe

T IS the ultimate antidote to all the conspiracy theories that run rife through Internet chat rooms. It turns out that there is no evil master plan. The tech-cology that is shaping the future of human communication is just an ac-cident and, in the end, it is "the geek" who shall inherit the earth.

A new Channel 4 series which looks at the growing power of the Internet, and of the people behind it, clearly sets out its essentially haphazard development. The Glory of the Geeks is presented by Robert X Cringely, Silicon Valley author and columnist, and is the celebratory sequel to his series on the birth of the computer industry, Triumph of the Nerds.

Once again, Cringely steers clear of technical jargon as he explains this time how the Net spread from its roots among the boffins in the Pentagon in the Sixties to become a key global industry. Talking to luminaries of geekishness such as Marc Andressen, Bob Metcalfe and Scott McNealy (founders respectively of Netscape, 3Com and Sun Mi-crosystems), as well as Bill Gates, Cringely tries to get close to the essence of the geek and find out exactly what makes these disparate billionaires tick.

"They are all extremely smart and, by the very nature of their entrepreneurism, willing to take risks," Cringely told The Independent. These people are out on the edge."

The increasing power and financial clout of Internet moguls will, he believes, determine the shape of the next century. Yet the influence is likely to be anarchic, rather than sinister. "The money they have means little to society because nearly all of it is on paper and hardly any of it is spendable," Cringely says. "One can hope this group will discover philanthropy, but don't expect it soon. They're still in the fast-car-buying stage.

What their power means to society s something else, because this is the text important medium we're talking about and I have my doubts that these olks give any thought to news judgenent, for example. The result, I fear, is lot of volatility before the Internet beomes what it is actually meant to be."

The Channel 4 series, which offer the vet novice a glossary of geek lingo, will o on to examine the possible future of he Net by interviewing some of the imerican students who are potential uper-geeks of the future. In episode hree, Wiring the World, Cringely visits Excite", which was started up in 1994 1 a Silicon Valley garage when six to become user-friendly. nerds" from Stanford University got toether. It now employs more than 200

eople and is valued at £1.5 hillion. Cringely attempts to cover the hisorical and technical bases as he charts ne growth of the Internet's influence, and et, it is the impact of the individual, and ot the machine, that has emerges as rucial. For example, Cringely salutes the ork of Tim Berners-Lee, the British



Robert X Cringley, presenter of C4's The Glory of the Geeks: 'It's not weird, it's just new

importance of Andressen, who created the first browser that enabled the Web

Cringely, who started working for Apple Computer as far back as 1977, wrote his jokey best-seller, Accidental Empires: How The Boys Of Silicon Valley Make Their Millions, Battle Foreign Competition And Still Can't Get A Date in 1992. But in spite of his consistently good-natured acceptance of the sad labels "nerd" and "geek" and all that they imply, he is actually pretty bullish

World Wide Web; and acknowledges the the suggestion that the persistent surfer alone to accurately predict. on the compulsive programmer is simply hiding away from everyday life.

That would be to assume that everyday life is offline and that whatever is online is weird. It's not," he argues. "Just as some people spend a lot of time on the phone or reading the newspaper, these people are on the Net. It's not weird. It's just new."

And for Cringely, the newness of his favourite medium is all. Even for an old hand such as himself, the eventual

form that Internet communication

man who is credited with creating the in defence of his own kind. He rejects might take is hard to contemplate, let

"We will clearly be getting all our communication over a single link and I think the prospect of two-way video communication is good. This opens up the possibility that people will have less need to travel, which I think is very good. To hell with business travel. When I travel. I want it to be for adventure."

The Glory of the Geeks' begins on Channel 4, Sunday 20 September.

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The future? You read about it here first

"PREDICTION IS VERY difficult, especially about the future" is a saying attributed to Niels Bohr, the famous theorist who is called "the guiding spirit" of quantum theory by the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Niels was quite obviously a very smart guy. He improved upon work by another gifted fellow, name

So why is http://www. neilshohr.com not among the top 20 Web sites?

To be sure the future, and predictions about the same, is a really big deal here in Silicon Valley. In a town where things change, I mean Seriously Change, over intervals as short as hmch, or coffee break or while tying your shoes, a little sure knowledge about

the future is a big deal. Because here in Silicon Valley, the real gold is information: information about the next hot startup, the next hot stock flotation, the Next Big Thing, the next chance to slip your business plan to a bucks-up venture capitalist lounging at the Café

Verona or Buck's. Even the products are information: the Netscape Browser is just ones and zeros arranged just so in a downloadable disk file. So is iMac's internal stuff, Windows 98, Java and all the flavours of Unix. Trillions of dollars, much of the net worth of the United States and a few other economies, comes down to patterns in a computer file, bugs and all.

It is pure information. and it is pure gold. No wonder the stock market can zoom up - and down over press releases.

The only thing that could possibly be better than sessing the right info at the right time is having the same info ahead of everybody else.

Imagine knowing which anaemic startup is just about to be acquired for \$300m, say, an hour before the market does, while its stock is still at \$2.

Imagine introducing a Web browser program a few weeks ahead of Netscape, or cutting a deal with IBM to supply the operating system for an odd new kind of small computer a day ahead of some dropout college kid named

So, it seems to me, the



CHRIS **GULKER**

To be sure, the future is a really big deal here in Silicon Valley

way I can best serve my readers is to predict accurately - the future of technology. Thus armed, it will be a trivial matter for you all to prosper, and, hopefully you will send large contributions my way - cheques and large blocks of negotiable securities gladly accepted (but we do not do e-commerce yet).

So here goes - and take the following to the bank: To avoid any, ahem, difficulties of a regulatory nature, we will now switch to a language favoured by analysts, newsletters and stock tipsters. (Full disclosure: I have an even better husiness model: and this - attention, venture capitalists - is my latest startup. We will initially give the future away for free to build market share, and then charge for upgrades. Future 2,0 singleseat licenses will soon be available for \$99.95 to readers of this column.

We will also offer competitive upgrades - just \$49.95 to owners of Microsoft Future 1.x. The Web site is not up yet, hut we are planning the flotation for Wednesday) 1: The world is going to get more complex. Get used to it - as the global network grows, there are more ways to interact with more people, more nations, more cultures, more ideas, more pathways through life. There will be more ways to the same end, and more ends from everproliferating paths.

Executive summary: The world will not end in a bang, or a whimper - we will not be able to find the end, or the beginning, or the middle, for that matter. When God types "the end of the world" (as I just did) into a search engine, it will reply "23,756,020 pages match the term the end of the world". Even She will not have the patience to dig through them all, and we will be off the hook. You read it here, first. 2: The surest way to prosper: claim to have "the answer" and set up a consultancy. People see value in, and will pay well for, genuinely experienced and caring people to help them to avoid the dumbest mistakes and biggest pitfalls of technology adoption. Provided, of course, the cost thereof is some small fraction of the cost of making the mistakes oneself.

Executive summary: Consultants are either the purest form of genius, or the logical heirs to snake oil salesmen, carnival hucksters and purveyors of shares in South Sea Bubble Pic. This is a business for the nimble, modern, virtual corporation. That is to say, keep a cool-sounding e-mail address and be prepared for a long, quiet vacation if your clients' lawyers come looking for you. Always spot the lawyers before they spot you. Favour accounts in banks in the Cayman Islands and Brunei, even if the interest rates are not competitive. 3: Beware megalithic technocracies. Beware technology as an end unto itself. Foster relationships with focused individuals who concentrate on results, like profitability or other meaningful, easily measured goals.

Executive summary: This is heresy among a large, and growing, group of technocrats, aka "gurus", aka "high priests". Beware those offering free Techno-Kool-Aid, Systems That Solve All Your Problems, and low-cost opportunities to own bridges and other monumental properties. including large, possibly submerged tracts of land in Florida. Best to avoid associates who go by names like "Dark FoRcE" or "Guido". 4: Absolutely beware of people who say they can

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A whole lot of Lara

Matthew Burgess gets a glimpse of what you're likely to be playing come Christmas

hugely successful Game Boy.

The Colour Game Boy features

THE COMPUTER games industry never grows up. This does not mean an idyllic, Peter Pan-style childhood but rather perpetual adolescence. An electronic bedlam of guns, girls and fast cars - both on and off screen - awaited those who attended last week's European Computer Trade Show (ECTS). Some 25,000 people thronged the halls of London's Olympia searching for the Next Big Thing in interactive entertainment - or at least another

Raider heroine Lara Croft. The show floor was dominated by the Nintendo stand, a sprawling conurbation of polystyrene and steel designed to reassure the trade that the

glimpse of pneumatic Tomb

N64 still means business. The big N has recently come under fire for the lack of titles for its fading flagship, and this Christmas will he a crucial time for its fortunes.

Hopes are riding on the longawaited Zelda: Ocarina Of Time, which was finally revealed in its completed glory. First impressions indicated another tour-de-force from Shigeru Miyamoto, creator of Mario 61 – you can find out for yourselves if Nintendo keep to their promised launch date of 22 November.



Elsewhere on the N64 front: Nintendo also showcased the latest incarnation of its

Still pulling the crowds: **Tomb Raider Lara Croft**

the stunning Body Harvest (think 3D Defender meets Starship Troopers) should be another hit for maverick Scots developers DMA (Lemmings, Grand Theft Auto). Acclaim's Turok 2 was well received, as were glimpses of Perfekt Dark. Rare's (unofficial) follow-up to the ECTS Game of the Year, Goldeneue. Import chart-toppers F-Zero X, and 1080 Snowboarding are set for imminent UK release, but do not be seduced by the hype surrounding Mission Impossible - it is dire.

- take a wild guess - a tolour screen, as well as infrared communication for those two-play-Sony opted for a sleeker, more open-plan site, studded

with screens showing their latest promo video. The Playstation appears to be coasting at the moment, with most of its big new games seeming to be sequels. Of course, when they are as accomplished as Tekken 3, Tomb Raider 3 and Final Fantasy VIII. few would complain, but there is also a growing stockpile of mediocre titles the underwhelming Ninja and Telstar's abysmal Assault being cases in point.

Fortunately, Sony's day was saved by one of the games of the show - the superb Metal Gear Solid from Konami. Following the fortunes of fearless mercenary Solid Snake, MGS is a brilliantly realised 3D actionstrategy hybrid that pushes the console to its limits.

Also looking good were Silent Hill (also from Konami) and noir adventure Syphon Filter, but the fact remains that next to the graphical advances of the N64 and PC, the Playstation is really starting to look a

Sega remained smugly aloof from the hordes at Olympia, preferring to show off its nextnext-generation Dreamcast technology - complete with 'killer app' Sonic Adventures at a suite in the nearby Hilton. Developer reaction to

Dreamcast was very positive the Windows CE operating system means that PC games can be ported over with very little effort or cost. Although understandably

bullish about their new baby's prospects, there was a certain tension in the Sega suite should Dreamcast go the same way as Saturn, they could well he joining Atari and Commodore in the video games recycle bin. However, none of the main

console players could really challenge the dominance of the PC as the premier gaming platform. Among the many highlights of the show were Shiny's innovative Messich, 3D wargame Hostile Waters, and Daikatana, the latest blastfest from John Romero, the creator of Doom.

Courting (if not indecently assaulting) controversy once more was Carpocalupse Now. the gory follow-up to last year's Carmageddon. With the ability to remove pedestrians' limbs

rather than just mow them down, Carpocalypse Now looks set to provoke as much hysteria as its predecessor - coming soon to a Daily Mail comment page near you. On a slightly more cerebral front, 16bit classics Prince of Persia and Populous both received 3D updates, as did David Braben's iconic polygon shooter Virus.

With the British PC gaming market estimated to reach \$500m by 2002 according to. Datamonitor, it was unsurprising to find hardware companies muscling in on what is: usually a software-based show.

The most dominant of these were Intel and 3Dfx, whose processors and graphics chipsets powered almost every PC on show Special mention for hardware bargain of the show must go to the French company Guillemot, whose 3Dfx Banshee graphics card Maxi Gamer Phoenix marries Voodoo2 3D with a powerful 2D chipset for only 299.

This Christmas will probably be the last dominated by the current generation of consoles. With worldwide revenues heading towards \$15bn, the games industry ranks alongside film and music in the global entertainment market. Perhaps it is time to grow up.

'A journey inside the music'

Jean Michel Jarre tells how he will be mixing sound and vision at a Paris concert this week

y concert is kind of a new experience from a musical and visual point of view because I will be with a band and Apollo 440 and some DJs. The novelty of the technological side, I would say, is the fact that all the cinema and visual stuff will be done live

I will perform all the images and visuals live on stage, just like doing music live. The visuals will be projected on eight-by-six metre screens in 3D in front of about 15,000 people wearing special 3D glasses. So it will be quite fim.

It is a new idea. We know that 3D existed before, but, so far, it has only existed with a special film which has been shot in 3D and then projected ma special theatre. The big difference is we are not talking about prefilmed images but those generated and created live in 3D.

These images include what is be 3D images floating around in the middle of the audience. It is an odyssey into the heart of sound, the experience for the audience will be like a journey inside the music through these visuals played in total conjunction with the music.

It's something that I have been thinking about for four or five years. I really wanted to achieve this and Apple's technology gave me the opportunity to ask some people work-



happening on the stage. So there will Jean Michel Jarre: "It is an odyssey into the heart of sound"

to program or create software, so a situation where the audience were most of time I have an idea and try in the heart of the concert. Also, in a to work with the right people, the technician or genius. I thought for a long time it would be interesting to integrate 3D concepts with rock concerts, because I think that nowadays sound does surrounds the audience most of time with the stereo or even surround sound, so it's interesting to think that images could be processed

new iMac computers. I am not able in the same way. I wanted to create this gig - I hope - will be interesting sense the audience will be part of the show itself - wearing white glasses is another visual statement.

is that it's a different approach. Like Apple's motto "Think Different", I

think this is what all artists are try-

bank of images and change them through twisting colouring morph-

ing. In a sense it is strange to see that

digital technology allows me to go

What I like is starting from a

ing to achieve.

Now we have come to the frontier for a project where the visual experience and the music are closer and closer. I don't think that music necessarily requires this; it is a way of expression in itself. The reason why

beginning of Nineties, synthesisers became more and more abstract. Then with techno music, suddenly the instruments are more instant, you can make it with a turntable, which is the least sophisticated instrument you can imagine. For the music, you are rehearsing

music. At the end of the Eightles and

with musicians and you decide on the programme on the night, so it gives you a less-predictable type of mood or thinking. It's the same with the visuals. We rehearse exactly like music; so we have a bank of images for each song but I leave a certain freedom, to try to be not too predictable or trapped into something you can't change. It's important to have the ability to improvise and function to what you feel is the mood of

I couldn't imagine not being nervous, partly because we are still experimenting with new technology everything can go wrong. For me, the real impact or success is when people don't notice the difficulties or the laborious side of the work. I hope on the night people will consider it's almost natural."

Jean Michel Jarre's Electronic Odyssey takes place on 18 September at Porte de Versailles, France. The concert is free, but you must register in advance via the Apple Com-France

JENNIFER RODGER

A new image for nerds

being labelled a computer nerd, then take heart from a new Gallup survey. Commissioned by Intel, the results of the poll indicate a drastic swing away from the geeky stereotypes usually associated with computers. The next, it would seem, is dying out.

One of the most significant findings of the survey was that the perception of computer use as being somehow "nerdish" or exclusive has changed significantly. According to David Lee, Gallup's associate director, over 90 per cent of those questioned agreed that "PCs used to be only used by academics, experts and boffins, but now they are seen as everyday items like TV sets and can be used by all members of the family".

Indeed, it would now seem that those who do not use computers are more likely to be the losers. More than four in 10 respondents felt that such people "will probably miss out on many opportunities", with a further 20 per cent saying that they "will probably lose touch with the modern world".

The stigma of the computer nerd has long been a millstone round the neck of the home compater industry, which will welcome Gallup's findings. In order to make the specialist to the consumer market, the PC had to be positioned as appealing and accessible to the high street shopper - it had to be easy to use. More than 30 per cent of those questioned cited case of

IF YOU are reading this week's Network surreptitiously, for fear of rising popularity. Ease of use has been the principal innovation in home computing over the last decade. It was the very complexity of the early machines that made them attractive only to the "nerd".

Nerds are interested in the mechanisms of technology as opposed to their results - the means not the end. Such interest requires an in-depth and esoteric knowledge, from which the nerd gains ful-fillment. Remove the need for this

and the nerd loses his motivation. Intel's Catriona Jamieson believes that current PCs have a much broader appeal.

"Nowadays computers are easy. You can edit home movies or access Nasa satellites without too much effort. You don't need to be an expert any more."

Even computer games, traditionally a nerd-dominated area, are now becoming a mainstream activity. Of those questioned, over half regularly used their computer for games. While this figure is highest (84 per cent) in the 16-24 age group, nearly one in four of the group aged 65 plus say they play computer games. "It's not just a boy'a thing," adds Lee. "Over half of female PC users say they [also]

use their computer for games." Another former nerd strongthe all-important transition from hold, the Internet is also facing inroads from normal society. Gallup found that surfing the web is slightly more popular among women than men, with 51 per cent of female respondents interested.

MATTHEW BURGESS

WEB SITES

BILL PANNIFER

Try jamming live with Dave Stewart

Sly-fi network http://www.davestewart.com/ "Renaissance man" is too old-fashioned a description of Dave Stewart, suggests the online bio: "millennium man" might be more appropriate. The artist seems happier with the slightly more modest "cultural engineer" and is site a "multi-media playground". Tomorrow's official launch sees various frolics including a live webcast and the first episode of SlyTV, a home movie collage featuring lengthy footage of his mate Dylan wandering around Camden Town, as well as Lou Reed, Natalie Imbruglia, Jon Bon Jovi and others. En route to buying, or downloading, the new album, viewers will get the chance to win a trip to swinging London (US fans only), and to access a virtual studio where they can jam live online with Stewart as he mixes samples contributed by them over the Net Further movies, sounds and artworks are promised,

cube. Gone to the dogs http://www.thedogs.co.uk/ Greyhound racing has been almost trendy for about a decade now, but this official site is still at great pains to state that a trip to the tracks is not about cloth caps and shady characters, but plush restaurants, corporate entertainment, private boxes and couples having a good night out. The British Greyhound Racing Board here offers a humane repositioning of the sport, including details of the Retired Greyhound Trust tand suggestions for taking the animals as pets - once away from the race, they are lazy, loveable creatures who need only two 20-minute

and it is all held together by

a rotating, Java-powered

walks a day and who relate marvellously to cats. There is lots of useful advice, including a real-time results service and general tips on betting - an online facility is planned for the near future. Visually, it is a bit like being inside a Blur album cover, but most fascinating may be the hall of fame for star performers. Here, heads held high, are Dolores Rocket and Mick the Miller sd Scurlogue Champ: "had he been human, the old rascal would have been a swashbuckling film star, a







real ladies' man".

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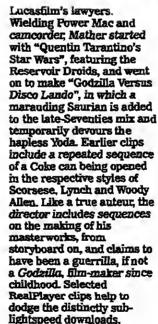
An atlas of cyberspaces

http://www.cybergeography.org/



The boundless reaches of cyberspace, tamed and contained by cartography? Not really - there is little of the Ordnance Survey in this vivid collection, compiled by the Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis at University College London. Maps, here, can be conceptual, graphical, or historical, and also just as much works of art as the most antique, sea-serpent infested parchment. Start with the little Miro-like blobs representing Usenet, Gopher and FTP-space circa 1994, follow the trace-route utilities that chart the progress of packets of information through the system, and submit to the subatomic-psychedelic bombardments of the topology section and DNAstyle "semantic constellations". A 3D section is to development, and at the other end of the spectrum, there is a prehistoric doodle representing "the first node on ARPANET at UCLA on the 2nd of September 1969".

Evan's Star Wars cinema http://www.jediner.com/cinem Toy figures, monster puppets and an industrialsize box of Lego are the filmic resources used by Evan Mather in Seattle to create these remakes of the George Lucas trilogy. Certainly more economical, and probably funnier than the forthcoming big-screen instalments of the saga, these clips seem so far to have trusted the "force" to protect them from



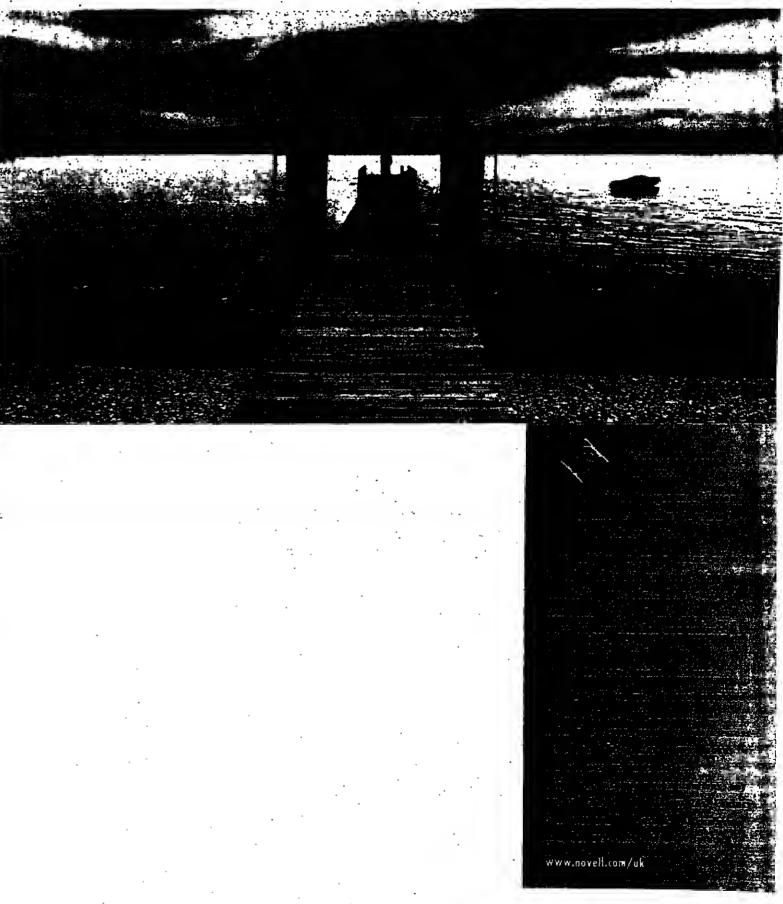
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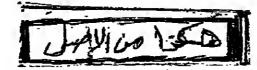
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Is Bill losing his touch?

The Microsoft chairman got more bad news at last week's European

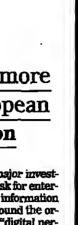
IT Forum. By Mark Vernon

ill Gates played down fu-ture developments in in-ments", he said. The task for enterformation technology last week as the research group IDC revealed that by 2002 the PC will have lost its monopoly as the device used to access the Internet. At IDC's annual European IT Forum in Paris, Gates also robustly defended lengthy testing periods for the delayed version 5.0 of the Windows NT operating system.

Meanwhile other assembled leaders of the IT industry wondered privately whether the Microsoft CEO is losing his ability to execute. The question on their lips was this: is Microsoft starting to look like IBM did in the Eighties - weighed down by impossibly complex development goals, losing its grip on an industry that is evolving faster than it can move itself, and, on top of all that, distracted by the prospect of a lengthy

legal battle with the US government? Gates' message was that Microsoft's Windows technology is standard and ubiquitous. Since it will do everything an organisation wants it to do, there is no need to move

"[It] will not stand in the way. and easier-to-use software.



prises now is to make information flow more effectively round the or-ganisation by building "digital nervous systems" so that employees can share knowledge. Always one to practice what he preaches, Gates noted a rule he had made at Microsoft concerning the prolific number of e-mails which are

sent around the firm's Redmond, Washington HQ. For every piece of good news, a win here and a goal achieved there, a piece of bad news must be sent out, too - a hug here and a computer crash there, per-haps. "Bad news is actionable" - that is what it means to fire up your digital nervous system. But Gates went further, attacking

the pretenders to the PC throne. Two years ago at the same event, a headto-head clash with arch-rival Larry Ellison, CEO of Oracle, had seen Gates' PC crash on stage when Ellison's Network Computer (NC) wowed the audience. Predictions that NCs would replace PCs spread around the world. But, Gates pointed out, since then the NC idea had been eclipsed by falling PC prices

"The Network Computer is pretty discredited", he said. Gates also rounded on Java. Proponents, often

computing. But it was not until the questions and answers that the real issue of its delayed release was addressed. Although Microsoft offi-cially says NT5.0 will be out next year, industry commentator Gartner Group believes 2000 is a more reasonable date, since only then are any bugs likely have been troned out.

Gates identified the problem as one of testing. The test periods of beta software are now nine months rather than the six months which had been the norm with NT4. There is a need for new testing methodologies, Gates admitted. Gates has an easy manner on stage (notwithstanding his four bodyguards), but one wonders whether he would have looked as comfortable had he heard IDC's latest research announced

"[The Internet] is the largest and

Bill Gates in Paris last week, where he talked of the need for companies to build a 'digital nervous system' ty in the history of IT", said Patrick McGovern, chairman of IDC, as he introduced the new research. Last year, of the 32.9 million devices shipped with Internet connectivity, a massive 96 per cent were PCs. which, given that 90 per cent of those run Windows, means that Microsoft dominates the Internet access market. However, in only four years' time that 96 per cent will have dropped to

57 per cent. Frank Gens, IDC's senior Internet analyst, predicted that there will be a big change in Internet access technology away from the PC to interactive television, web-enabled mobile phones and online games consoles. Is Windows CE, Microsoft's operating system for handheld computers and set-top boxes, going to be successful? Will Pentium chips fill all these new boxes? "I think ANDY OLDFIELD

BYTES

JAVA PURITY and control of standards were issues at stake in a San Jose, California, courtroom last week as Sun Microsystems accused Microsoft of being in hreach of a licence it signed for Java technology in 1986 and asked for an injunction to stop it distributing its version of Java.

Sun's Alan Baratz accused Microsoft of trying to "flood the market" with its own "polluted" form of Java, that undermined Java's ability to run on any operating system or hardware platform. According to Sun. Microsoft illegally altered Java code and encouraged developers to design products for its Windowsonly version of Java, a move that amounted to hijacking the "platform" away from its open

standards. Microsoft said that if an injunction were issued against it distributing Windows 98 with Java technology, it would suffer significant harm. Microsoft also said that Sun was trying to deny other companies proper access to the Java market.

IBM UNVEILED the world's smallest and lightest disk drive last week. Weighing less than an AA battery, the Microdrive could be used in car-navigation systems to store maps, or in handheid computers to store addresses, schedules and other data. The new drive could also pose a threat to ... the flash memory data storage now used in digital cameras as it is faster, has a greater storage capacity and lower potential storage costs.

The drive, due to go on sale next year can hold up to \$40Mb of data, the equivalent to more than 240 floppy disks. The new drive could also be a threat to companies like Iomega that make removable data storage devices such as Zip drives. Estimates on price suggest that the Microdrive will be launched at \$1 per Mb, with prices falling as production is geared up.

LARRY ELLISON, Oracle's chief executive officer, said that he would now be the owner of resurgent Apple Computers if it had not been for the advice of lawyers. Ellison announced his plan to buy the company last year but never said why he changed his mind until last week.

"I wanted to buy it at \$13 a share hut my lawyer said I knew too much," Ellison said, referring to his friendship with the current interim Apple CEO, Steve Jobs, who at the time was working as a consultant to Apple. Ellison said his lawyer advised him that if he ed the Department of Justice would investigate. Ellison is now a board member of Apple.

A FLAT-SCREEN display at a resolution virtually indistinguishable from the printed page has been developed by IBM researchers. At 200 pixels per inch. the prototype display, code-named Roentgen after the inventor of the X-ray machine, has four times the pixels in the same space as cathode-ray tube desktop monitors. We are right at the point at which human vision ceases to notice any distortion", Robert Wisnieff, leader of the research team, said.

THE WEB IN 2002

■ The Web-user population will reach 320 million, from 97 million today, with a quarter of those located in Western Europe. ■ Web sales will hit \$425bn, \$55bn originating in Europe. Business-to-husiness commerce will take a 79 per cent slice of

this \$425bn pie. ■ 40 per cent of people going online will be purchasers (30 million in Europe), compared with only 28 per cent today. The total amount of money being spent on the Internet will fall only a little short of \$1 trillion, up from \$211bn today.

the same people who promote the a single language, to me that seems NC concept, claim that this pro- pretty mythical But we will have to gramming language will provide an see." Gates also defended the work operating system more suited to the being done on NT5.0 and the "breaknetworked age than Windows.

But Gates, of course, still has his doubts. "That people are going to rewrite every software application in

earlier in the day.

through" it represents in corporate most extensive business opportuni-

Being called a 'spammer' wasn't in the script

The independent film-maker Peter Hall is suing his ISP after it acussed him of sending out junk e-mail. By Iain Aitch

IF YOU have never had an Internet for the vast quantities of unsolicitaccount, then you will probably not ed junk e-mail sent over the Net. know the pain of being unable to retrieve your e-mail.

Peter Hall learnt about this particular brand of pain in August ISPs that are now putting their 1997. An independent film-maker in weight behind a bill in the US Con-New York, he was about to release his first feature film, Delinquent, when he switched on his PC and fired up the modem as usual. But Earthlink Network, his Internet service provider (ISP), was refusing to recognise his password. He its users. "At this time I didn't even called customer services to see what the problem was.

He was passed to a supervisor who brusquely stated that his account with them had been closed and all mail sent to that account would be returned to sender. "You know what you did " the supervisor told him. Hall had no idea, but address on three of its newsgroups that he was being accused of being

Spam is currently seen as a par-

ticular problem hy service providers. Earthlink is among those gress that will give ISPs the power to sue spammers for up to \$25,000 per day in damages.

Earthlink was accusing Hall of somehow hacking into America Online and sending messages to all of know how to send an e-mail to two people at a time," Hall says. "One minute they were reprimanding me for using technical support too much, the next accusing me of being some kind of master hacker."

Earthlink had made the allegations public, too, listing Hall's e-mail eventually managed to establish as part of its policy to name and a "spammer" - spam being the term person at Earthlink was running purged. It was like a body count."



Peter Hall: suing for libel

regular lists of names of users who he had determined were guilty of spamming," says Hall. "There was a number at the bottom of each page shame spammers. "This particular boasting of how many people he had

fortunately, there had been some confusion over the tracking number on the spam to AOL and Hall picked up the blame for a message that had originated in Japan.

UUNet admitted its mistake, apologised and informed Earthlink of the error Earthlink in turn offered Hall six months' free service, though he claims this would only cover a fraction of the cost of the calls, letters and time he had spent sorting out the problem, not to mention the stress put on him or the ignominy of being labelled as a spammer. "I lost an enormous amount of time to this. I was unable to sleep and had to get a prescription for sleeping pills because I got at least a persuasive influence over

After six days of ringing around, really paranoid," he says. So Hall de-Hall finally discovered the source of cided to sue Earthlink. In July his the problem. Earthlink had been in- lawyers filed what he describes as formed of his alleged misde- a "multi-million dollar lawsuit" meanour by its trunk carrier, against Earthlink in an attempt to UUNet Technologies, which tracks recover damages for loss of busi-The latter is likely to provide an interesting test of whether the term "spammer" can be seen as a libel and establish case law over the posting of libelious messages on newsgroups. Paul Hoffman, director of the trade organisation Internet Mail Consortium, says: "Calling someone a 'spammer' is clearly an insult in almost any area of today's Internet. It connotes thief, waster of resource, and disrespecter of

community standards."

Any finding by a US court could have a knock-on effect in the UK. With the US being seen as some years ahead in use of the Internet, a judicial decision is likely to have

any similar cases here. Kirsten Kappos, Earthlink's vice-president for corporate communications, says the company intends to "aggressively defend" itself and continue its fight against spammers. She bemessages using digital tags. Un- ness, breach of contract and libel. lieves Hall was merely the victim of a mistake and that Earthlink ha done all it can to right the situation. Hall sees it somewhat different-

ly. He calls their apology "incredihly grudging" and claims he still suffers from headaches, anxiety and facial spasms as a result of the experience. His sense of humour is still intact, though, as he laughs off the suggestion that this experience could provide the basis for his next script. "I'm thinking it might be a sub-element in a script that I'm trying to devise," he says. "But I wouldn't want to dwell on it."

Information on Peter Hall's case is at http://www.metaltiger.com/

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR APPROVED TRAINING PROVIDER STATUS The Government has allocated £230 million of lottery revenue to the New Opportunities Fund (NOF) to support ICT training for teachers and school

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Training can begin from April 1999 and the initiative is likely to end in 2002.

In order to be approved as a training provider, and therefore to be eligible for funding from NOF, providers must demonstrate their ability to enable teachers and/or school librarians to meet defined outcomes of the training. Training providers must have an outstanding track record in providing innovative training and development. The Teacher Training Agency will advise NOF on approvals in England and Wales. There is a separate process of approval in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, but using the same UK-wide specifications. Training providers may apply for approval to provide training for teachers and/or school librarians in any or all of the UK

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The deadline for receipt of applications for approval is 20 November 1998.



Find your way with a roadmap

designers the ability to create pages that can interact and change with a visitor as they use a site. A few months ago.
I introduced DHTML and revealed some of its dark secrets (http://www. independent.co.uk/net/9807 06ne/story6.html). DHTML relies on Cascading Style Sheets (http://www. independent_co.uk/net/9804 07ne/story&html) to get its power, but as powerful as

DYNAMIC HTML gives Web

are, they are not really dynamic per se. They give us control over how the document looks when it is first put on to the screen, but what about after that?

Cascading Style Sheets

Web pages created with Cascading Style Sheets can have their properties changed while on the screen (that is, dynamically) - through the use of a scripting language and the Document Object Model (DOM), Since JavaScript (JScript in Internet Explorer) is available almost universally, that is the scripting language most people use.

However, CSS can be affected by any scripting language that your

WEB DESIGN



JASON CRANFORD TEAGUE

DOM is becoming the definitive concept for dealing with Web pages needs

particular hrowser can handle - VBScript in Internet Explorer, for

The ability to change a Web page dynamically with a scripting language is made possible by the DOM, which can connect any element on the screen to a JavaScript function. The DOM is quickly becoming the definitive concept for dealing with Web pages, second only to HTML and JavaScript itself.

knew it would not be straightforward - is that Navigator and Internet Explorer have implemented their DOMs differently.

The DOM is the road map through which you can locate any element in your HTML document and use a script, such as JavaScript, to change the element's properties. A DOM can address any element on the screen that is either a replaced element, such as an image with a name, or any element that is identified by an ID, such as a paragraph of text that include the ID attribute.

The key is that the HTML element must have a unique identity (ie, name) on the screen. When you write a letter

to someone, you address the envelope describing the person, the house number, street and city for whom the letter is intended.

Any elements on the screen, at least any that are enclosed within HTML tags, can be identified using a NAME or an ID attribute to give it its own unique "address", as if it were on a city map. The

The bad news - and you DOM works like a map of your web page, describing a path starting with the window itself and then the HTML document down to the various elements on the Web page.

For instance, the DOM for an image called button1 would be: window.document.images.b utton1.

This tells the hrowser that the document contains an image called hutton1. You can use this path to allow a JavaScript function to send that element a message, such as what image it should be displaying. At least that is the grand dea. Unfortunately, because

the DHTML hrowsers -Netscape Navigator 4 and Internet Explorer 4 - don't agree on the same map to get to elements defined using CSS, they have different formats for creating addresses to elements on a Weh page. Thus we have yet another cross-hrowser problem to contend with when dealing with DHTML.

Netscape uses the following format to access elements defined using ÇŞŞ: document. elementName.styleProper ty while Internet Explorer

uses the following format to get to the same place: document.all.elementNam e.style.styleProperty, where "elementName" refers to the name given to the HTML element and "styleProperty" is the CSS style you want to change for that specific element. The World wide Web

Consortium (http://www.w3c.org) is working on a DOM standard, and both Netscape and Microsoft have agreed to adhere to that standard. This will probably more closely resemble the format currently used in Internet Explorer, but that does not really help us right now.

The good news is that, until then, we can use JavaScript to make sure that both browsers are "reading off the same page". I will look at ways to create this cross-browser DOM in future columns.

Jason Cranford Teague's book 'The Visual Quickstart Guide to DHTML: has just been published by Peach Pit E-mail your comments or queries to Jason at

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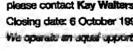


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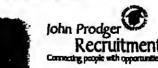
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SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (15) Director: Steven Spielberg

Starring: Tom Hanks, Edward Burns, Matt Damon Steven Spielberg's Second World War drama focuses on a mission with more than a hint of public relations about it. Three brothers are killed in action, and their mother is about to receive the triple-dose of bad news in one go; the fourth and youngest, James Ryan, is still in combat. Captain John Miller (Tom Hanks) is dispatched with his squad to seek out the young Private behind enemy lines and return him home to safety. It is unlikely that many viewers will emerge from the picture warmed by emotional catharsis, though there is plenty of it in evidence. It is the harsh, devastating battle sequences which are branded on the memory, and which momentarily suggest that the film will be something more adventurous

and resonant than your average war movie. It isn't. But the promise alone is, in itself,

The real achievement of Soving Private Ryon is that Spielberg has managed to create anything remotely worthwhila out of Robert Rodat's screenplay. Rodat throws together so many clichés that at times it seems that most of Spielberg's energy is expended in distracting us from the fawdriness of the material. This he does most effectively in the combat scenes, where subjective sound and photography create a disturbing sense of chaos. It was an error to once again use John Williams as composer, but for most sations, most often found in the cast.

West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Barbican Screen, Clopham Picture House, Elephant & Castle Coronet, Empire Leicester Square, Hammersmith Virgin, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, Screen on the Green, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero

LA VIE DE JESUS (THE LIFE OF JESUS) (NC) Director: Bruno Dumont

Starring: David Douche, Marjorie Cottreel, Geneviève Cottreel, Kader Chaatnuf

Bruno Dumout's brilliant debut feature suggests Los Olvidados on downers. In a desolate, lifeless town in northern France, a group of twentysomething friends rattle around on their motorbikes, occasionally venting racist anger against some local Arabs. The film's main focus is Freddy (David Douche), an epileptic boy whose gentle, but occasionally fraught, relationship with his girlfriend provides the picture with the closest thing it has to dramatic momentum. The performances in the film by a cast of nonprofessionals are impressively raw, but it's Dumont's attentive, compassionate approach which makes the film special

Ryan Gilbey

THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS

Film Ryan Gilbey

THE BRITISH reggae musical Babymother (below) is vibrant and delightful, and you wouldn't expect to find those words associated with something set in London's Harlesden. The heroine (Anjela Lauren

Smith) wants to be a regeae star - but has to deal with the problem of childcare and the interference of a calculating boyfriend. The picture buzzes with colour and vitality, often literally: it sometimes appears that the film stock has been splashed with day-glo paint. The movie's real star is the costume designer Annie Curtis Jones, who loads the cast up with electric-blue wigs, feather boas, plastic separates and gold chains as thick as arms. Crucially, the robust, sexy songs can make you tingle. This film is in heat. On general release

Remember how Alien terrified you? The secret was in the patience of the director Ridley Scott, who went against the trend of furious, sensationalist horror and took his time. National Film Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (0171-928 3232) 8.45mm

Theatre Dominic Cavendish

THERE WAS always that fear that Via Dolorosa, the monologue by David Hare (below) about his visit to Israel and Palestine last year, was going to be instructive only as a warning that playwrights should never tread the boards. But that gleam in his eye and exasperated buoyancy of tone takes you past the gaucheness and into thought-provoking territory: "Are we where we live, or are we what we

Royal Court Theaire Downstairs at the Duke of Yorks, London WC2 (0171-565 5000) 7.30pm Penelope Keith tests her range in this adaptation of Keith Waterhouse's novel, Good Grief - a comedy about a widow

think? What matters? Stones or ideas?"

who falls for a man because he is wearing one of her husband's suits. Directed by Ned Sherrin, it should be a hoot, if not a hit. Richmond Theatre, Richmond (0181-940 0088) 7.45pm

Event Sharon Gethings

WHATEVER YOUR views on the return of Hong Kong to Chinese rule, or on the political shade of Chris Patten (below), the period of his tenure as that colony's last British governor was historically fascinating - and the ex-chairman of the Conservative

Party was, of course, in a unique position to observe the goings on. One result of this is his new book, East and West, which he will be discussing tonight. As well containing reflections on his time as governor (and on the opposition he faced from both Chins and Britain over many of his decisions), the book offers up Patten's thoughts about the present and future: How serious are the far east's recent crises? What will be China's role in the world? What can East and West learn from each other? Patten's television

appearances have revealed a charming and eloquent conversationalist, so this should be an enjoyable evening. Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1 (0171-636 1577 ext 260) 7pm

Pop Tim Perry

CELEBRATING THE release of their dynamic V2 album We May Be Skinny & Wirey, the Aberystwyth based Crocketts (below) journey down south to raise the house as they continue to build a loyal following. Their chaotic

brand of punk, spruced up with highspeed folk and cowpunk intrusions. comes across even better live and it shouldn't be too long before they get the recognition that their fired-up sounds and performances demand. Club Ifor Bach, Cardiff (01222 232199) tonight 9pm Tonight's the last chance for a while to savour the rustic-edged pop of

Sparklehorse. They can sometimes appear a mite too laid-back live but

nevertheless there are fistfuls of excellent songs from their two Pariophone albums, Vivadiriesubmarinctransmissionplot and the current Good Morning Spider, to make this a special event. Concorde, Brighton (01273 606460) 8pm



GENERAL RELEASE **CINEMA**

ARMAGEDDON (12)

This deeply stupid film purports to be a tender love story, a meaty action adventure and a global disaster movie in which a meteor is on a collision course with Earth. Its jumble of styles hits for the rejuvenated Disney Studios. will end up pleasing no one.

BARNEY'S GREAT ADVENTURE (U) Feature-length exploits for the big, jolly dinosaur. Ideal for the undemanding pre-school viewer, an

endurance test for anyone else.

Sumptuous swashbucklers are fast effort doesn't break much new ground, but is acted and shot with such magnificent braggadocio that its lack of originality is never LOST IN SPACE (PG) a problem.

DR DOLITTLE (PG)

The thought of Eddie Murphy functioning within the restrictions of a PG certificate may not be a promising one but in the snappy new film version of Dr Doolittle he shows that his talents are more and, of course, learns how to bond with his kids pliable than they might have first appeared.

EVE'S BAYOU (15)

Rites-of-passage drama set in Louisiana locations which have been devalued by too many Southern Comfort ads. Despite some intuitive observations, this feels for the most part like reheated Fried Green Tomatoes.

Starchy 19th-century melodrama starring Sophie Marceau as a Swiss governess who bears a child for the wealthy aristocrat Stephen Dillane, then devotes the rest of her life to finding the girl.

GADJO DILO (15)

Stephane, a young Parisian, journeys through rural Romania on a quest for Nora Luca, the gypsy singer whose music he discovered through his father. There is a warmth and humour to the storytelling and an integrity which pushes this film way beyond being mere sentimental travelogue.

GODZILLA (PG)

The team which cooked up Independence Day is generally very adept at constructing enjoyable adventures. In this case, their light touch has deserted them.

HE GOT GAME (18)

The plot of Spike Lee's muddled tale is pure folbles in this likeable kids' movie. poppycock: Jake Shuttleworth (Denzel Washington) is doing time for the murder of his wife but is offered a deal which could cut short his sentence if be can persuade his basketball star son to sign up with the Governor's alma mater. Lee coaxes an impressive performance from Washington but it is his own stylistic excesses which are the film's undoing.

THE HORSE WHISPERER (PG)

Robert Redford's over-long and deeply indulgent film of Nicholas Evans's novel is a textbook lesson in the narcissistic allure of cinema. Redford plays a Montana farmer who specialises in equine psychology. He agrees to help New York magazine editor Kristin Scott Thomas whose daughter has been traumatised in 8 SPECIES II (18) riding secident.

THE LAND GIRLS (12)

Rachel Weisz, Anna Friel and Catherine McCormack are the "land girls" called upon in WWII to pick up the discarded ploughs and take the place of the farmers who have departed for war. Nothing surprising here - sexual awakening, broad laughs, 8 smattering of tragedy - but very nicely done.

THE LAST DAYS OF DISCO (15) In the fictional club at the centre of Whit Still-

man's dry and slightly sad comedy, everything sparkles - under the light from the glitterball, the Mancers are united in their absent-minded beauty. Stillman does a fine job of capturing the mixture of flair, invigoration and uncertainty by which any burgeoning trend is characterised and it's refreshing to find a work that is this enchanting and intelligent.

THE LITTLE MERMAID (U)

After years of churning out sub-standard animated features, this sprightly adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's story began a string

LOCK, STOCK & TWO SMOKING BARRELS

Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels follows the lead of Quentin Tarantino but the film's defining characteristic is its resilient morality. The picture is peopled by thugs, both amateur and sional. Young Eddy, who comes mustuck in a high stakes card-game, falls into the former; but becoming French cinema's stock-in-trade. This Hatchet Harry, to whom he owes £500,000, is a dangerous old-school pro.

Yet another cult 1960s television series gets have remained faithful to the original tone and the movie looks terrific. William Hurt stars as 8 frosty scientist who journeys with his family into space to save the Earth from destruction in the process.

THE MAGIC SWORD: QUEST FOR CAMELOT

The first full-length product of Warners' new animation division, this looks and sounds, thanks to the inevitable Celine Dion, even cheesier than the average Disney effort. But beneath the surface there's an edge of genuine weirdness that will keep parents entertained, if it doesn't scare the children out of their wits.

MR NICE GUY (15)

This largely disappointing addition to Jackie Chan's oeuvre has its moments - a fight scene on a construction site is a particular delight. But the combination of comedy and adventure doesn't gel; it may be the first Chan film that wouldn't even look good if you were plastered.

THE OBJECT OF MY AFFECTION (15) Comedy in which Paul Rudd confounds his flatmate Jennifer Aniston's dreams of weddings and joint burial plots by turning out to be gay.

PAULIE (U)

Once the muse of indie legend John Cassavetes. Gena Rowlands here has the chance to work with a talking parrot. Voiced by Jay Mohr, Paulie is the wisecracking bird who takes a wry look at human

THE PROPOSITION (12) Dismal period drama in which feminist writer Madeleine Stowe and priest Kenneth Branach become entangled after she discovers her fat-cat husband (William Hurt) is unable to father a child.

THE SPANISH PRISONER (PG)

David Mamet's intricate little thriller is a playful exercise in twisting a plot until it locks, there is a scientific detachment about the way he explores every permutation of his Kaftraesque scenario. At the sama time, however, the movie is also slyly funny.

Ludicrous science-fiction horror about a strand of alien DNA carried back to earth in the bodies of astronauts. Comball dialogue and a healthy abundance of sex and violence make this passable B-movie fun.

THE WEDDING SINGER (12)

Shamelessly dumb but very winning comedy about a romantic wedding singer (Adam Sandler) who falls for a waitress (Drew Barrymore), only to find that she's already engaged to someone else.

THE X-FILES (15)

David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson reprise their roles as FBI agents Mulder and Scully and, for their first big-screen outing, get a meaty communicum to chew on involving a shifty secret government and a deadly virus from outer space. Duchovny and Anderson are most engaging; through little dialogue and even less facial movement they manage to convey great tenderness.

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VIRGIN UXBRIDGE ROAD (0870-9070719) 8R/@ Ealing Broadway The Horse Whisperer 1.10pm, 4.40pm, 8.10pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 2pm, 4.25pm, 7pm, 9.25pm Saving

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GOLDERS GREEN ABC (0181-455 1724) & Golders Green Saving Private Ryan 12.50pm, 4.15pm, 7.45pm

GREENWICH
CINEMA (0181-293 01011
BR: Greenwich Dr Dollttle 2.40pm
The Horse Whisperer 1.35pm The
Last Days Of Disco 4.40pm,
7.05pm, 9.30pm Lock, Stock & Two
Smoking Barrels 4.30pm, 7pm,
9.20pm Saving Private Ryan
1.55pm, 5.20pm, 8.45pm

HAMPSTEAD ABC (0870-9020413) Belsize Park The Horse Whisperer 12.30pm, 4pm, 7.35pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 2.10pm, 5.40pm, 8.20pm Saving Private Ryan 12.25pm, 3.55pm, 7.30pm

HARROW SAFARI CINEMA (0181-426 0303) G Harrow-On-The-Hill/Harrow & Wealdstone Dil Se 8.45pm Major Saab 8.45pm

6.30pm, 9,20pm HOLLOWAY ODEON (0181-315 4213)
O Holloway Road Armageddon
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KINGSTON ABC OPTIONS (0870-9020409) BR: Kingston The Horse Whisper er 2.10pm, 7.30pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 1,05pm, 3,30pm, 6pm, 8,25pm Saving Private Ryan 12.40pm, 4.10pm,

MUSWELL HILL ODEON (0181-315 4217) O Highgate Dr Dolittle 1.05pm. 2.55pm. 4,45pm, 6.25pm The Horse Whisperer 12.50pm. 4.10pm; 7.50pm Saving Private Ryan 12noon, 3.40pm, 7.40pm The X-Files 8.20pm

PREMIER (0181-235 3006) BR: Peckham Rye Babymother 2.15pm, 4.15pm, 6.15pm, 8.15pm, 10.15pm Dr Dolittle 1.45pm, 8.55pm Godzilla 2.25pm He Got Game 3.20pm, 6.15pm, 9.10pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 2.10pm, 4.35pm, 7pm, 9.25pm Saving Private Ryan 1.55pm, 5.20pm, 8.45pm Species II 5.15pm, 7.25pm, 9.30pm The X-Files 3.55pm, 6.25pm, 8.55pm

ABC [0870-9020407] BR: Purley The Horse Whisperer 7.20pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 5.40pm, 8.30pm Saving Private Rvan 7.10pm

PUTNEY ABC (0870 9020401) & Putney 8ridge. BR: Putney. The Horse Whisperer 12.45pm, 4.15pm, 7.45pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 3.45pm, 6.15pm, Saving Private Ryan 1.45pm, 5.15pm, 8.45pm

ODEON (0181-315 4218) BR/Ø Richmond The Horse Whisperer 1pm, 4.30pm, 8.10pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 1.40pm, 4.10pm, 6.40pm, 9.30pm Saving Private Ryan 1.10pm, 4.50pm, 8.30pm

ODEON STUDIO (0181-315 4218) ODEON STUDIO (0181-315 4218) 8R/O Richmond Armageddon 5.20pm, 8.30pm Cousin Bette 1.10pm, 3.50pm, 6.50pm, 9.30pm Dr Dolittle 1.20pm, 3.20pm The Land Girls 1.10pm, 6.50pm The Spanish Prisoner 3.30pm, 9.20pm The X-Files 2.10pm, 6.10pm, 9.10pm

ROMFORD ABC (0870-9020419) BR: Romford. Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 2.10pm, 5.50pm, 8.35pm Saving Privete Ryen 2.10pm, 7.30pm Species II 2.05pm, 4.10pm,

ODEON LIBERTY 2 (01708-729040) BR: Romford Armageddon 1.45pm, 4.50pm, 8pm Barney's Great Adventure 1,10pm Dr Dollt-tle 12.20pm, 2,30pm, 4,40pm, 6,40pm, 8,45pm Godzilla 12,05pm The Horse Whisperer 12.45pm, 4.10pm, 7.30pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm Lost In Space 12.15pm, 3pm, 5.40pm, 8.20pm Saving Private Ryan 12.30pm, 4pm, 7.45pm Species II 2.40pm, 4.45pm, 6.50pm, 9pm The X-Files 12.10pm, 2.50pm, 5.50pm, 8.35pm

SIDCUP ABC (0541-555131) BR: Sidcup Dr Dollttle 12.40pm The Horse Whisperer 4.10pm, 7.40pm Saving Private Ryan 4pm, 7.30pm

STAPLES CORNER /IRGIN (0870-9070717) BR: Cricklewood Armageddon 8pm Dr Dolk-tle 2pm, 4.20pm, 6.15pm The Horse Whisperer 2.30pm, 6pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 1.10pm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9pm Saving Private Ryan 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 4pm, 5pm, 7.45pm, 8.30pm Species II 9.30pm The X-Files 3.1Spm. 6pm. 8.45pm

NEW STRATFORD PICTURE HOUSE (0181-S55 3366) 8R/O Stratford East He Got Game 2.15pm, 5.15pm, 8.30pm The Horse Whisperer 1.15pm, 4.40pm, 8pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 1.30pm, 4pm. 6.30 pm, 9pm Saving Private Ryan 1pm, 4.30pm, 7.55pm

STREATHAM ABC (0870-9020415) BR: Streatham Hill Cousin Bette 30pm, 6pm, 8.35pm Dr Dolittle 2.10pm, 4.05pm Lost In Space 6pm 5aving Private Ryan 2.20pm, 7.45pm Species II 8.45pm

ODEON (0181-315 4219) BR: Streatham Hill/O Brixton/ Clapham Common Armageddon 8pm Dr Dolittle 2.10pm, 4.10pm. 6pm He Got Game 2.10pm, 5.20pm, 8.10pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm Saving Privete Ryan 12.40pm, 4.10pm, 7.40pm The X-Files 12.20pm, 3pm,

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CORONET (0181-888 2519) O Tumpike Lane, Lock, Stock & Tivo Smoking Barrels 4pm, 6.15pm, 8.35pm Saving Private Ryan 4.05pm, 7,40pm Species II 4.15pm,

UXBRIDGE (01895-813139) ODEON → Uxbridge Saving Private Ryan 12.45pm, 4.15pm, 7.45pm

e X-Files 1.30pm, 5.30pm, WALTHAMSTOW ABC (0870-9020424) → Waltham-

stow Central Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 3pm, 5.30pm, 8.10pm Saving Private Ryan 2.30pm, 7.05pm Species II 2.50pm, 5.30pm, 8.25pm

WALTON ON THAMES THE SCREEN AT WALTON (01932-252825) BR: Walton on Thames The Horse Whisperer 8pm The Land Girls 3.30pm, 6pm Saving Private Ryan 3pm, 7.30pm

WELL HALL CORONET (0181-850 3351) BR: Eltham Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 4pm, 6.15pm, 8.35pm Species II 4.15pm, 6.30pm,

BELLE-VUE (0181-830 0822) O Willesden Green Species II 4.30pm, 6.30pm, 9pm

WIMBLEDON ODEON (0181-315 4222) BR/O Wimbledon/O South Wim bledon Armageridon 8pm Dr Dofittle 1,40pm, 3.40pm, 5.40pm The Horse Whisperer 1pm, 4.20pm, 7.45pm Lock, Stock & Iwo Smoking Barrels 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm Saving Private Ryan 12.20pm, 3.55pm, 7.30pm The X-Files 2.50pm, 5.40, 8.30pm

ABC (0181-989 3463) + South Woodford The Horse Whisperer 12.40pm, 4.05pm, 7.30pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.30pm Saving Privete Ryan 12.45pm, 4.10pm, 7.30pm

WOODFORD

NEW CURZON (0181-347 6664) O Tumpike Lane Jab Pyar Kissie Hota Hai 2pm Pyaar To Hona Hi Tha 5pm MOOTHLCH

CORONET (0181-854 S043) BR: Woolwich Arsenal Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 4pm, 6.15pm, 8.35pm Saving Private Ryan 4.05pm, 7.40pm

CINEMA REPERTORY

LONDON CINE LUMIERE Queensberry Place 5W7 (0171-838 2144/2146) Le Bossa (15) 6.30pm, 9pm

ICA CINEMA The Mail 5W1 (0171-930 3647) La Vie De Jesus (The Life Of Jesus) (NC) 6.15pm 9pm The Connection (18) 6.30pm NFT South Bank SET 10171-633 0274/cc 928 3232) Odd Man Out (PG) 2.30pm The Maltese Falcon (PG) 6.10pm The High Command:

The Archive Presents... & In Fact (NC) 6.15pm The Missing Clerk: Bodit Kjer (NC) 8.30pm Alien (18) PEPSI (MAX CINEMA The Tro cadero, Piccadilly Circus W1 (0171-494 4153) Across The Sea Of Time - A New York Adventure (3-D) (U) 10.45am, 12.50pm, 2.55pm, 5.10pm, 7.15pm, 9.20pm L5 - City In Space (U) 11.55am, 2pm, 6.20pm, 8.25pm, 10.30pm

Everest (U) 4.05pm PHOENIX CINEMA High Road N2 (0181-444 6789) The Horse Whisperer (PG) 2,30pm, 8.10pm The Spanish Prisoner (PG) 5,50pm

PRINCE CHARLES Leicester Place WC2 (0171-437 8181) Scream 2 (18) I pm Midnight in The Garden Of Good And Evil (15) 3,15pm The Apostle (12) 9pm

RIO CINEMA Kingsland High Street £8 (0171-254 6677) The Last Days Of Disco [15] 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.50pm RIVERSIDE STUDIOS CINEMA

Crisp Road W6 (0181-237 1111/cc 0171-420 0100) A Short Film About Love [18] 7pm + The Dou-ble Life Of Veronique 8.50pm BRIGHTON

DUKE OF YORK'S CINEMA (01273-626261) The Winter Guest 9pm Heathers (18) 6.30pm BRISTOL

Cousin Bette [15] 6pm Dance Of The Wind [U] 6.05pm Jack Smith: Shorts Programme (NC) 8.10pm The Last Days Of Disco [15]

ARTS CINEMA (01223-504444) The Horse Whisperer (PG) 1pm, 6.30pm Psycho (1S) 4pm, 9.30pm Symphonie Pastorale (NC) 7.15pm

CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE (01222-399666) The Last Days Of Disco (15) 7.30pm Metroland (18)

CINEMA CITY (01603-622047) Hana-Bi (18) 5.45pm Afterglow

PHOENIX PICTURE HOUSE (01865-554909) Live Flesh (18) 1pm The Horse Whisperer (PG) 3pm, 8.30pm Cousin Bette (15) 1.15pm, 9.15pm Bonnie & Clyde (18) 6.15pm

CINEMA COUNTRYWIDE

BRIGHTON ODEON (01273-207977) Armageddon (12): Cousin Bette (15); Dr Doilttie (PG); The Horse Whisperer (PG): Kundun (12): Lerhal Weapon 4 (15); Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels (18): Saving Private Ryen (15): The X-Files (15)

VIRGIN CINEMA (0541-555145); VIRGIN CINEMA (0541-555145); Armageddon (12): Barney's Great Adventure (U): Blank Cheque (PG); Dr Dolittle (PG): Godzilla (PG); The Horse Whisperer (PG); Lethal Weapon 4 (15); Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels (18): Lost In Space (PG); The Magic Sword: Quest For Camelot (U): Saving Private Ryan (15): Spacies II (18): Private Ryan (15); Species II (18); The X-Files (15)

CURZON (01323-731441) Edward Scissorhands (PG); The Horse Whisperer (PG); Lethal Weapon 4 (15): Love And Death On Long Island (15): Paulie (U): Saving Private Ryen (15); Species II (18)

ABC CINEMA (0541-560567); Armageddon [12]: Barney's Great Adventure (U): Cousin Bette (15): Dr Dolltde (PG): Grease [20th Anniversary Edition) (PG): Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels (18): Saving Private Ryen (15):

OXFORD ABC GEORGE STREET (0541-550501); Dr Dollttle (PG); The Horse Whisperer (PG); Lethal Wespon 4 (15); The Little Mermaid Barrels [18]: The X-Files (15)

ABC MAGDALEN STREET (0541-550509); Saving Private Ryan

THEATRE WEST END

Ticket availability details are for today: times and prices for the week: running omes include intervals.
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Seats at all prices — Seats at some prices) — Returns only Matiness — [1]: Sun, [3]: fire, [4]: Wed, [5]: Thu, [6]: Fri, [7]: Sat

ALARMS AND EXCURSIONS Michael Frayn's new comedy about a dinner party which is interrupted by mysterious messages stars Felicity Kendal and Josie Lawrence. Gleigud Theetre Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065) O Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5)[7) 3pm, £19.50-£27.50. 165 mins.

 BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
Lavish family musical based on Disney's cartoon version of the favourite fairy tale. Dominion Theatre Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-656 1888) & Tott Ct Rd. Mon, Wed-Sat 7.30pm, Tue 6.30pm, [4] (7] 2.30pm, £18.50-£35.

● BLOOD BROTHERS Willy Russell's long-running Liverpool musi-cal melodrama. Phoenix Theatre Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1733) & Leic Sq/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [5] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £10.50-£29.50. 165 mins.

O THE BLUE ROOM Nicole Kid-

man stars in David Hare's adaptation of Schnitzler's La Ronde. Donmar Warehouse Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732) → Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 8pm, £12-£25. • CATS Lloyd Webber's musical version of TS Eliot's poems. New London Theatre Parker Street.

WC2 (0171-405 0072/cc 404 4079) O Covent Garden/Holborn, Mon-Sal .45pm, [3][7] 3pm, £12.50-£35. O CHICAGO Ruthie Henshall stars in this hit Broadway musical.

Adelphi Theatre Maiden Lane, WC2

(0171-344 0055) Charing X.

Mon-Sat 8pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, 216-

£36 (incl booking fee). 130 mins. CLOSER Superb study of con-temporary sexual relationships from Dealer's Choice author Patrick Mar-Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045)

Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7]

3pm, £7.50-£27.50, 140 mins.

 CRAVE New drama from Sarah
 Kane, looking at the love, loss and desire. Royel Court Theatre Upstairs (at The Ambassadors) West Street, WC2 (0171-565 5000) & Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [7] 4pm, £5-£10, benches 10p, Mon - all seats £5. 45 mins.

DGREASE Marissa Dunlop stars in the stage version of the hit film. Cambridge Theatre Eartham Street. WC2 (0171-494 5080) & Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7,30pm, [4)[7] 3pm, £10-£30, 150 mins,

AN IDEAL HUSBAND Christo er Cazenove and Susannah York in Peter Hall's accisimed production of Wilde's comedy. Theatre Royal. or winge's comeny, Theatre Hoyal, Heymerket Haymerket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) ← Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5] 3pm, (7] 4pm, £7.50-£29.50, 165 mins.

● AN INSPECTOR CALLS Stephen Dakiry's widely-acclaimed produc-tion of JB Priestley's thriller Garrick Theatre Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) & Leic 5q. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.15pm, [4] 2.30pm, [7] 5pm, £10.50-£25.

THE LADY BOYS OF BANGROK Cabaret performance, featuring stunning female imper-sonators. Oueen's Theatre Shafteshury Avenue, W1 [0171-494 5590/cc 344 4444) & Picc Circ. Mon-Tue & Thu 8pm, Wed, Fri & Sat £10.50-£30. 110 mins.

A LETTER OF RESIGNATION Hugh Whitemore's play about the Profumo affair and political morality. Savoy Theatre Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888/cc 836 0479) ◆ Charling X/Embankment. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (4) 3pm, (7) 4pm, £12.50-£25. 135 mins.

● LOOT Acclaimed revival of Joe Ortour's comedy. Vaudeville Theatre Strand. WCZ (0171-836 9987) 8R/\to Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm. [4) 3pm. [7) 4pm, £8-£25. 110 mins.

MAJOR BARBARA Jen Redgrave and Peter Bowies star in George Bernard Shaw's classic comedy. Piccadilly Theatre Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [5] 2.30pm. [7] 3pm, £8.50-£27.50. 180 mins.

D LES MISERABLES Musical dramatisation of Victor Hugo's masterpiece. Palace Theatre Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-434 0909) ⊕ Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [5][7] 2.30pm, £7-£35. 195 mins.

MESS SAIGON Musical which resets the Madam Butterfly tragedy to Vietnam. Theatre Royal, Drury Lane Catherine Street, WC2

Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4][7] 3pm, £5.75-£35, 165 mins. THE MOUSETRAP Agatha Christie's whodunnit. St Martin's Theatre West Street, WC2 (0171-836 1443) & Leic 5q. Mon-Sat 8pm. [3] 2.45pm. [7] 5pm, £9-£23. 135 mirs.

OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD Study of the civilising power of language written by Timberlake Wertenbake and performed by Out Of Joint. Young Vic The Cut, SEI (0171-928 6363) BR/+ Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [7] 2.30pm (16 Sept), 7pm, £17, concs availa

PEONY PAVILION Classic 16thcentury Chinese epic music drama, directed by Peter Sellars. Barbican Theatre Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-6388891) & Barbican/Moorgate. Mon-Sat 6.30pm [no perf 17 Sept), ends 20 Sept. £10-£27.

O THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Andrew Lloyd Webber's Gothic musical Her Majesty's The-Strong transfer in the majesty's 178-etre Haymarket, SW1 (0171-494 5400/cc 344 4444) ← Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [4][7] 3pm. booking to Dec 19, £10-£35. 150 mlms.

 PHEDRE Diana Rigg stars in Po-et Laureate Ted Hughes's new transation of Racine's tragedy. Alb Theatre St Martin's Lane, WC2 [0171-369 1730/cc 867 1111) O Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [7] 3pm, E5-£29.50. 100 mlns.

• THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND & BLACK COMEDY DOUble bill of drama from Tom Stoppard and Peter Schaffer, directed by Gregory Doran, Comedy Theetre Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731) → Picc Circ/Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. (4)[7) 3pm. £7.50-£27.50. 165 mins.

Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm. £12.50-£32,50. 160 min

ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE O OLIVIER: Oldahoma! Classic musical from Rodgers and Ham stein, featuring the song "Oh What A Beautiful Mornin". Mon-Sat 7.15pm, mars Wed & Sat 2pm, ends 3 Oct. 190 mins.

DISTIBLION: The Prime Of Miss Jean Brodie Fiona Shaw stars as the Scottish schoolmistress in this new adaptation of the classic novel by Muriel Spark in rep. tonight 7.30pm. ends 3 Oct. 155mins. Olivier & luttelton: £8-£27, Day seats from 10am. South Bank, SE1 (0171-452 3000) + Embankment.

) SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER Hit 1970s mosical featuring legendary songs by the Bee Gees and starring Adam Garcia. 120 mins. London Palladium Argyll Street, W1 (0171-494 5020) & Oxford Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50, 135 mins.

● SHOW BOAT Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein's musical set on the Mississippi. Prince Edward Theatre Old Compton Street, W1 (0171-447 5400) & Leic Sq/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm. £10-£35. 180 mins.

SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE - THE SONGS OF LEIBER AND STOLLER The rock in all hit makers celebrated in a musical revue that in-chides "Jailhouse Rock". Prince Of Wales Theatre Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5972) & Leic Sq/Picc Circ. Mon-Thu 8pm, Fri 5.45pm & 8.30 pm, Sat 3pm & 8pm. £15-£32.50, Fri mats £10-£25.

STARLIGHT EXPRESS Anirew Lloyd Webber'e hi-tech roller-musi-cal. Apollo Victoria Wilton Road. 5W1 (0171-416 6070) 8R/O Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [3)[7) 3pm, £12.50-£30, 150 mins.

THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE Belinda Lang stars in Alan Ayck-bourn's comedy. Duchess Theatre Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075/cc 344 4444) & Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.4Spm, [5]{7[3pm, £15-£27.50. 140 mlns.

 VIA DOLOROSA David Hare es and performs this meditation on a trip to Israel and Palestine Royal Court Theatre (at the Duke Of York's) St Mardn's Lane, WCZ (0171-565 5000) & Leic Sq/Char-ing X. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 3 Oct, £5-£25. 90 mins.

O WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND Lioyd Webber's new musical based on the film of the same name. Aldmych Theatre Aldmych, WC2 (0171-416 6000/cc 836 2428) O Holborn, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7) 3pm, £10-£32.50, 120 mins.

THE WOMAN IN BLACK SUsan HII's chilling ghost stary. Fortune Theatre Russell Street, WC2 (0171-836 2238/cc 344 4444) & Covent Garden/Holborn, Mon-Sat 8pm, [3] 3pm. (7) 4pm, £8.50-£23.50. 110 mins.

THEATRE BEYOND THE WEST END

ALMEIDA THEATRE The Pley About The Baby Edward Albee's new play which explores the rela-tionships between four people. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Sat 3pm, ends 10 Oct. £9.50-£19.50, concs available. Almeida Street, N1 [0171-359 4404) & Angel/Highbury ington.

LYRIC STUDIO Handbag Or The Importance Of Being Someone Mark Ravenhill's new drama takes e look at the art of parenting in the age of sexual diversity. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Sat 4.30pm, ends 10 Oct. £5-£10. King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311) O Hammersmith.

PURCELL ROOM The Man Who Knows New musical looking at con-temperary society. 14 & 15 Sept. 7.30pm. £10. concs £8. South nk Centre, SE1 (0171-960 4242)

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS The African Company Presents Richard III
Drama exploring the struggles of an
black theatre company in a racist
America Mon-Sat 7.45 pm, mats Sun
3pm, ends 26 Sept. £ 10, concs £6. Crisp Road, W6 (0181-237 1111)

YOUNG VIC STUDIO UBU Kunsi New translation of Jarry's classic by comedian Luis Alberto Soto, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, ends 19 Sept. £8, concs £5. The Cut, 5E1 (0171-928 6363) BR/O Waterloo.

THEATRE COUNTRYWIDE

HAYMARKET THEATRE In The Midnight Hour Swinging sounds of the 1980s. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, ends 3 Oct. E9.50-£15.50. Wote Street

THEATRE ROYAL Amadeus Peter Shaffer's engrossing play inspired by the music of Mozart. 14-16 Sept. 7.30pm, 17 & 18 Sept, 8pm. £10-£24.50, St Johns Place [01225-448844/cc 448861)

USTINOV STUDIO AT THE THE-ATRE ROYAL Krapp's Last Tape Edward Petherbridge performs Samuel Becket's melacholic piece. 15-19 Sept. 7.45pm. £7.50-£9.50. Sawclose [01225-448844/cc 448861)

THEATRE ROYAL How The Other Hair Loves Alan Ayckbourn's com-edy of modern manners features social comment and irooic humour Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Thu-Sac 8pm, mats Thu & Sac 2.30pm, ends 3 Oct. £3-£19. King Street (0117-987 7877)

BURY ST EDMUNDS THEATRE ROYAL Othelin Jealousy and self-destructive iostiocts dominate this Shakespearean tragedy of the Moor and his beautiful wife Desdemona. 14-19 Sept. 7.30pm. £4-£12. Westgate Street (01284-769505)

MARLOWE THEATRE Kat And The Musical set in 1950s Cape Town. 14-17 Sept. 7.30pm, 18 Sept. 6pm & 9pm, 19 Sept. 5pm & 8pm. £10.50-£18.50. The Friars (01227-787787)

FIRST CALL, LAST CALL

First Call

FOLLOWING THE Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the winner and shortlisted nominees of the Perrier Award will perform in the Perrier Pick of the Fringe Season at Her Majesty's Theatre oext month. Sean Lock will perform alongside Sean Cullen on 4 October while the obscure comedy of Ed Byrne's "A Night at The Opera" and Peter Kaye's speedy dialogue feature on 11 October Rising stars Julian Barratt and Noel Fielding complete the season when they perform with winner Tommy Tiernan on 18 October. Her Majesty's Theatre, Haymarket, London SW1 (0171-494 5400) 4, 11 and 18 Oct

Last Call STR BOB GELDOF was mistaken when he announced Ian Dury (right) had died a couple of weeks ago - you can find him very much alive and on tour. Although Dury is past

thoughtful and polemical records. The Junction, Cambridge (01223 511511) 12 Oct; Rock City Nottingham (0115 9412544) 14 Oct; Riverside, Newcastle (0191-2614386) 15 Oct; The Forum, London (0171-344 0044) 18 Oct

his late-Seventies prime, he has continued to release

ABERYSTWYTH

(01970-622460)

BRIGHTON

EXHIBITIONS

EVERYMAN THEATRE Gentlemen Prefer Blondes Sara Crowe stars in this musical featuring the song, "Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend". 14-18 Sept, 7.45pm, 19 Sept, 8pm. 55.50-£15.50. Regent Street 001242-572573 (01242-572573)

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE Katherine Howard Richard Griffith stars as Henry VIII in Nicholand portrayal of the misogynist king Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thu & Sa 7.30pm, ends 10 Oct. £6,50-£25 Oaklands Park (01243-781312)

COLCHESTER MERCURY THEATRE John Buchan The 39 Steps Tongne in cheek rendition of this classic thriller. Man-Wes 7.30pm, Thu-Sat 8pm, mats Thu 3pm, Sat 4pm, ends 26 Sept. £7-£16.50. Balkerne Gete (01206-\$73948)

COVENTRY BELGRADE THEATRE Limesto Cnwboy Mnsieel io the country western vein Mon-Thu 7.30pm, Fri & Sat 8pm. mats Wed 2,30pm, Sat 4pm, ends 19 Sept. £9-£15, concs £7. Corporation Street (01203-553055)

EXETER NORTHCOTT THEATRE Wome On The Verge Of HRT Two fortysomething women discuss their situation, Mon-Fri 7,30pm, Sat Bpm, mats Wed & Sat 2.30pm, end 19 Sept. £7-£15, Stocker Road (01392-493493)

EYE THEATRE Pride And Prejudice Austeo's comedy of manners.
Mon-Sat Sprn. ends 19 Sept. £5.95£10.95. Broad Street
(01379-870519)

GUILDFORD YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE Equally Divided Stephanie Cole and Stephanie Beacham star in sibling rivalry. Mon-Thu 7.45pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, mats Thu & Sat 2.30pm, ends 26 Sept. £10-£21.50.

Millorook (01483-440000) PECESTER HAYMARKET THEATRE The Rink Kander And Ebb's sassy musical Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed & Sat 2,30pm, ends 26 Sept. £8-£18 concs available. Belgrave Gate (0116-253 9797)

NEWBURY WATERMILL THEATRE The Gov ernment inspector Gogol's tale of curruption and greed. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thu & Sat 2.30pm, ends 3 Oct. £6-£15, concs available.

Bagnor [01635-46044] THE DERNGATE Buddy Musical tribute to the late Buddy Holly. Mon Thu 8pm, Fri-Sat 5.30pm & 8.30pm £8.50-£21.50, concs available Guildhall Road (01604-624811)

ROYAL THEATRE Clder With Rosle Laurie Lee's classic tale of love in e rural idyll is adapted for the stage. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 26 Sept. £9-£26. Guildhall Road (01604-632533)

THEATRE ROYAL See How The Run Philip King's farce about mis-taken identities. 14-19 Sept. 7.30pm, mat 16 Sept, 2.30pm. £3-£15, concs available. Theatre Street (01603-630000)

PETERBOROUGH KEY THEATRE Spring And Port Wine Vintage comedy about e disciplinarian father whose daughter inally challenges his authority. 14-17 Sept. 7.30pm, 18 & 19 Sept. 8pm, mat 17 Sept. 2.30pm. E9.SO-E11.50, concs available. Embankment Road (01733-552439)

SALISBURY SALISBURY PLAYHOUSE AS YOU Like it Cathy Tyson stars in this pas-toral classic. In rep. 14, 17 & 18, Sept. 7.30pm, mat 17 Sept. 2pm. ends 3 Oct. £8-£15, Malthouse Lane (01722-320333)

WAJFORD PALACE THEATRE Dead Funn Caroline Quentin directs Terry John son's comedy about e man's obsess-sion with dead comedians. Mon-Thu 7.45pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, ends 26 Sept. £4-£15.75, concs £4-£9.50. Clarendon Road (01923-225671)

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA CLIFFS PAVILION Jesus Christ Superstar Tim Rice and Lloyd Web-ber's acclaimed biblical musical Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 9pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 5.30pm, ends 26 Sept. £12.50-£25.50. Station Road [01702-351135]

THEATRE ROYAL The Importance Of Being Earnest Liza Goddard and Dora Bryan star in Wilde'e comedy Mon-Sat Opm, mats Thu 2.30pm, Sat 4.45pm, ends 3 Oct. £5-£20. Thames Street (01753-853888)

WOKING NEW VICTORIA THEATRE Blood Brothers Willy Russell's class-con-sciousness musical set in Liverpool Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm, ends 19 Sept. £8-£21.50, concs available, Peacocks Arts & Enterteinments Centre

CLASSICAL

LONDON **QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL SUITEY** County Youth Orchestra/Witts Elgar's Cello Concerto and Drorak's New World Symphony. Tonight 8pm. £10, concs £5. South k Centre, SE1 (0171-960 4242)

ABERYSTWYTH ARTS CENTRE India 50 Photographs by Sebastiao Salgado. Ends 28 Sept.
An Italian Dream: Luci Melegari Prints inspired by Northern Italy. Ends 28 Sept.
Caire Curneen Ceramic sculptures of the human figure. Mon-Sat 10am-Spm & perf eves, ends 24 Oct, free. Penglais (01970-623232) BUARTH MAWR All In A Day's Work: Images Of Working Life From The School Of Art Collection O Bond Street/Oxford Circus. including work by Augustus John and Samuel Palmer. Mon-Fri

LONDON HOTBATH GALLERY Faces Of Tibet And Ladakh: Elizabeth Sheehan Photographs depicting the reality of Himalayan life. Mon-Fri 9am-4,45pm, Sat 10am-4pm, ends 30 Sept, free. City of Bath College. Avon Street (01225-312191)

BRIGHTON MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY Disesters Of War: Callot, Goya, Dix Selections from three ertists' war etehings.
Mon. Tue, Thu-Sat 10am-5pm,
Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 4 Oct, free.
Church Street (01273-290900) BRAD Waterloo.

BRISTO ARNOLFINI Udomsak Krisanamis And Peter Doig Work by the two widely exhibited artists, Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, 5un 12noon-6pm, ends 18 Oct. free, Narrow Quay (0117-929 9191)

10am-5.30pm, ends 24 Sept. free. The University Of Wales

FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM WILLIam Blake: The Book Of Job Pages from Blake's book with other ext his illustration, Ends 25 Oct. Four American Painters: Franken-chaler, Noiend, Offiski, Poons Important figures in America's avantgarde. Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.15pm-5pm, ends 8 Nov. free. Trumpington Street (01223-332900)

COLCHESTER FIRSTSITE AT THE MINORIES Edward Bawden Prints by the graphic designer. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, ends 10 Oct. free. High Street (01206-577067)

LONDON BARBICAN ART GALLERY Netive BARBICAN ART GALLERY Netwer Nations: Journeys in American Photography Over 500 works depicting Native North Americans, by Native and pon-Native photographers. Mon, Tiu-Sat 10am-6.45pm, Tue 10am-5.45pm, Wed 10am-7.45pm, Sun 12 noon-6.45pm, ends 12 noc 66.645 of the 5 nm Mon. 13 Dec. £6 (£4.50 after 5pm Mon-Fri), concs £4.50. Silk Street, EC2

(0171-638 4141) → Barbican/Moor-NATIONAL GALLERY Venice Through Canaletto's Eyes Twenty-three paintings and drawings by the Venetian artist Ends 11 Oct, fr Mirror Image: Jonathan Miller On Reflection Mirrors and reflections in art from Van Eyek to Helen Chadwick Mon-Sat 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun 12noon-6pm, ends 13 Dec. £5.50, concs £3.50, incl audio guide. Trafalgar Square, WC2 (0171-839 3321) & Charing Cross,

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS Critical Mass: Antony Gormle Sixty casts of human hodie Mon-Sun all day, ends 30 Sept, free. Chagell: Love And The Stage Featuring colourful murals made in Russia. Mon-Sun 10am-6pm (Fri to 8.30pm), ends 4 Oct, phone for prices. Picasso: Painter And Sculptor In

Picasso: Painter And Scuiptor in Clay Exploring the ceramic works of the 20th-century artist. Opens 17 Sept, Mon-Thu, Sat & Sun 10am-6pm, Fri 10am-8.30pm, ends 27 Dec. phone for prices. Burfington House, Piccadilly, W1 (0171-300 8000/cc 413 1717) O Green Park/Piccadilly Circus. TATE GALLERY Moonlight And Firelight: Watercolours From The Turner Bequest Work exploring

Turner's interest in moonlight and elight Ends 17 Nov. Warhol And Beurs: Loans From The Froelich Collection Work by eading 20th-century artists. Ends 20 Sept 20 Sept.
Art Now 15: Fiona Barner New
paintings and a drawings inspired by
popular culture. Mon-Sun 10am5.50pm, ends 1 Nov. free. Millbank,

SW1 (0171-887 8000) + Pimilco. NORWICH NORWICH CASTLE MUSEUM Modern British and European Painting c.1880-1940 Including Painting C. 1800-1900 Installing work by Munnings and Gwen John. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 6 Dec. £2.40, concs £1.60, child £1.10. Castle Meadow

ST IVES TATE GALLERY Colour in Spece: Patrick Heron Show documenting Britain's leading artist's public artwork. Ends 18 Oct. Displays 1997-8 Show focusing on the De Stijl group and the contemporaries of Roger Hilton. Ends 1 Now Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-5pm, ends 1 Nov. £3.50, concs £2. Portuneor Beach (01736-796226)

(01603-223624)

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WIGMORE HALL Alexender Ardakov Plano recital ending with Sehnmaon's Chranvol. Tonight 7.30pm. E8-E15. Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141)

OPERA

ARBICAN THEATRE Peony Pavilion Chinese poetic drama of the late 16th century with a new score by Tan Dun, directed by Peter Sellars. Tonight 6.30pm, £10-£27. Barbican Centre, EC2 [0171-638 8891) & Barbican/Moorgate.

PURCELL ROOM The Man Who Knows A new musical by Shaun Pur-cell to a book by Humphrey Truman. Tonight 7.30pm, £10, concs £8. South Bank, £E1 (0171-960 4242)

LITERATURE

THE MONK & THE PHILOSOPHER THE MONK & THE PHILOSOPHER
Western philosophy and Eastern
discussed in a thought-provoking
evening with Jean Francols Revel
and his son, Matthieu Ricard,
Alternatives, St James's Church
Piccadilly Wi (0171-287 6711)
& Piccadilly Circus. Tonight 7pm
(doors 6.30pm), £6, unwaged £4. THE FUTURE OF FEATURES JOURNALISM Malcolm Dean, editor of The Guardian Society Section ad-dresses the Wamen Writers' Network. The Library, Coowey Heil Red Lion Square WC1 [0181-521 5791) Holbern, Tonight 7.30pm-9pm (doors 6.30pm), £5. mems free, women only.

CHRIS PATTEN Discussing East And West, his controversial book appraising the threat of an economically prasug the triest of an economically powerful China. Logen Hell, University of London Bedford Way WC1 [0171-467 1613] • Russell Sq/Euston Sq/Warren St/Kings Cross. Tonight 7pm, £10, cones £7.50 (includes £2 off a copy

of the book). HENRY JAMES AND THE PRIVATE LIFE Biographer Lyndall Gordon gives a preview of her eagerly await-ed book Rye Methodist Church

COMEDY

BOURNEMOUTH HINGE AND BRACKET AT PIER THEATRE The vintage double act with nostalgic music and anecdotes. Forlight 8pm, E9, cones available. Pier Approach (01202-456456)

HIGH WYCOMBE
PAUL MERTON - AND THIS IS ME
AT WYCOMBE SWAN The star of
Hove I Got News For You does free
association in a confessional solo
show. Tenight 8pm, £13 & £14.
St Mary's Street (01494-512000)

LONDON BEARCAT COMEDY CLUB AT THE TURK'S HEAD Adam Bloom, Phil Devey, John Menn, Roger Monkhouse. Tonight 9.15pm, E6, mems £5. Winchester Road, 5t Margarets (0181-891 1852) THROWN TO THE DOGS AT THE DOGSTAR, FIRST FLOOR Robin Banks hasts this evening for up and coming comics. Tonight 8pm, £3, concs £2. Coldharbour Lane, SW9

(0171-737 3177) + Brb.ton. THE COMEDY SPOT King of the surreal one-liners Milton Jones, Addy Borgh and Noel Kelly. Tonight 9pm, £9 inc meal, £7 standing, concs £3.50. Malden Lane, WCZ

CLUBS

(0171-379 5900) + Covent Garden

BRIGHTON DISCO BABE AT THE HONEY CLUB Disco classics and trash. Tonight 10pm-2am, £3, concs £1. King's Road Arches (01273-202807)

SCARFACE AT PO NA NA Hip hop and soul selection. Tonight 10pm-2am, £3. St Mary's Street (01222-303233)

THAT'S HOW IT IS AT BAR RUM-BA Gilles Peterson, James Lavelle and Ben Wilcox play funk, jungle and beets. Tonight 10pm-3am, Shaftes-bury Avenue, WI (0171-287 2715) 4 Piccadilly Circus, £3.

ANOKHA AT THE END Table jams sitar lunk and Asian loungecore with Talvin Singh, Equal I and Ozmani Sounds. Tonight 10pm-2am. West Central Street, WC1 (0171-419 9199) @ Tottenham Court Road/Holborn, £7, concs £5.

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BRIGHTON FORENSIC - BAGS OF EVIDENCE The Scratch crew offers an enter-taining and innovative approach to visual art and modern culture. Hove Museum & Art Gallery New Church Road (01273-290200) Ends 4 Oct. phone for details.

ANNE BOLEYN BOOKS OF HOURS EXHIBITION Exhibition centred around the 1450 manuscript signed by former Hever resident Anne Boleyn. Hever Castle & Gardens (01732-865224) Mon-Sun 11am-5pm, ends 30 Nov. £7. OAP £6, child (5-16) £3.80. family £17.80 (castle & grounds).

LOST RIVERS Exhibition of Native American poetry and illustration. Barbican Library, Barbican Centre Slik Street EC2 (0171-638 0672) O Barbican/Moorgate. Mon 9.30am-5.30pm, Tue-Fri 9.30am-7.30pm, Sat 12.30pm-5.30pm.

CHELSEA ANTIQUES FAIR Featuring Chinese antiquities from the collection of London dealer Dr Malcolm Rushton. Chelses Old Town Hall King's Road SW3 (01444-482514) ◆ Stoane Square. Mon-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat & Sun 11am-6pm, ends 20 Sept. £6 Incl. catalogue and free re-admission. ST ALBANS

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lives of local people, who have been esked to cootribute an object

representing their lives. Museum of St Albans Hatfield Road

(01727-819340) Mon-Sat

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10am-5pm, 5un 2pm-5pm. ends **MUSIC**

THE MAVERICKS Chart-topping US country swing outlit on their Transpoline album tout Brighton Centre Kings Road (0870-900 9100) BR: Brighton, Tonight 8pm, £15. SPARKLEHORSE, NEUTRAL MILK HOTEL Mark Linkous's ait-country ed returo to these sbores. The Concorde Madeira Drive

(01273-606460) Tonight 9pm, £7 CHELMSFORD TYLA Former frontman of frill-rockers Dogs D'Amour, on a solo acoustic our before he heads off to Sweden Army & Navy Hotel Parkway [01245-262424) Tonight 8pm. phone for prices.

LONDON MARILLION New directions from the forthcoming album, Radiotion. Jazz Café Parkway NW1 (0171-916 6060) ◆ Camden Yown fonight 8.30pm, £15, phone

ANNIE CHRISTIAN Edinburgh based indie band. Fat Pauly'e George Street (01603-441046) THE MIGHTY 455 Hard Texan and

Chicago blues. Fuggle & Firkin Gloucester Street (01865-727265) Tonight 8,30pm, free. SOUTHAMPTON EMBRACE Danny McNamara's enic uitar rockers tour the critically ac-aimed debut album, Good Will Out.

The Guildhell NorthGuild. Commercial Road (01703-632601)

Tonight 8pm, £9.50.

YEOVIL NNII MINOGUE Blande mediababe on her Unleashed tour. Octagon Theatre Hendford (01935-422884) Tonight 8pm,

MUSIC JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK

COLCHESTER KATHRYN TICKELL OUARTET Northumbrian piper and fiddler. Colchester Arts Centre St Mary-atthe-Walls, Church Street (01206-500900) Tonight 8pm, £7.

LONDON STEVE BUCKLEY, HILARY CAMERON Modern and Latin jazz double bill. 606 Club Lots Road SW10 (0171-352 5953) ⊕ Fulham Broadway/Earls Court. Tonight 9.30pm & 12midnight, £4.95.

IAN SHAW Soulful Ray Charles tribute. Pizza Express Jazz Club Dean Street W1 [0171-439 8722) Tottenham Court Road. Tonight 9pm, £12,50.

plus quartet. Pizza on the Park Knightsbridge SW1 [0171-235 5273] & Hyde Park Corner. Ionight 9.1Spm & 10.45pm, £18, adv £16,

SIBONGILE KHUMALO Expressive operatic South African vocalist. Ronnie Scott's Frith Street W1 (0171-439 0747) & Leicester Square. Tonight 9pm & 11,30pm, £12, mems £4, NUS £8 (Mon-Thu); £15, mems £8 (Fri-Sat).

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MONDAY RADIO

RADIO 1 (97.6-99.8MHz FM) 6.30 Chris Moyles. 9.00 Simon Mayo. 12.00 Jo Whiley. 2.00 Mark Radcliffe. 4.00 Dave Pearce. 6.30 Lamaco Live. 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs. 12.00 Breezeblock, 2.00 Emma B. 4.00 - 6.30 Clive Warren.

RADIO 2 (88-90.2MHz FM) 6.00 Sarah Kennedy, 7.30 Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruce. 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn. 7.00 Humphrey Lyttelton. 8.00 Big Band Special 8.30 The Chris Barber Jazz Diaries. 9.30 Mark Lamarr: Shake, Rattle and Roll. 10.30 Richard Allinson. 12.05

Steve Madden. 3.00 Alex Lester.

RADIO 3

(902-924MHz FM) 6.00 On Air. 9.00 Masterworks. 10.30 Artist of the Week. 11.00 Sound Stories. 12.00 Composer of the Week Felix Mendelssohn. 1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. (R) 2.00 The BBC Orchestras. 4.00 Opera in Action. 4.45 Music Machine. 5.00 In Tune. 7.30 Performance on 3. Humphrey

Burton goes to the Vienna State Opera for a performance of Strauss's reworking of this classical tale to a libretto by Hugo von Hofmannsthal. The production has a star-studded cast, including the legendary soprano Edita Gruberova - a darling of the Viennese public - as Zerbinetta. Deborah Voigt, soprano (Ariadne/Primadonna), Susan Graham, mezzo (Komponist), Chorus and Orchestra of Vienna State Opera/Peter Schneider. Part 1. See Pick of the Day. 8.20 Rebuilding the Vienna Opera House. When the Vienna State Opera was bombed in March 1945. the Viennese had more than an opera house to rebuild. The heart of Vienna had been painfully injured . but not destroyed. Austrian writer and broadcaster Marcel Prawy, who has never missed a production, talks to Moore Parker about those postwar years and how the Vienna State Opera maintained its reputation. 8.45 Ariadne auf Naxos, part 2. 10.25 Postscript George Szirtes

takes a journey down the Danube,

6.00 Hearts Adrift (1996) (62153), 8.00

The Boy Who Could Fly (1986) (24998).

(47849). 2.00 Hearts Adrift (1996) (12172).

(1996). See Pick of the Day (524191). 11.40 The Big Man (1990) (307646). 1.40 The

3.25 - 6.00 Rough Magic (1995) (31120196).

6.00 A Little Princess (1995) (64511), 8.00

Divided by Hate (1996) (26356), 10-00

Deep Family Secrets (1997) (47230576). 11.40 Dallas - JR Returns (1996)

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Dalmatian (1997) (20151714), 3.00 Deep

Family Secrets (1997) (13086). 5.00 Dellas

JR Returns (1895) (56646). 7,000 A Little Princess (1895) (52269). 9,000 Pretty in Pink (1986) (33207). 11,000 Cupid (1896) (41288).

12.35 Spē (1996) (7925554) 2.05 Love Hurts (1990) (804318) 3.55 - 9.00 Des-

perate for Love (1989) (95850399).

4.00 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

(1967) (9659375), **6.00** Suspicion* (1941) (2663578), **8.00** Days of Wine and Ros-

es* (1963) (2635795). 10.00 Hollywood Hall of Fams (8166207). 10.30 Bringing

Up Baby* (1938) (53589207). 12.15 Bad-lands (1973) (5007283). 1.50 Hang Em

8.00 The A-Team (7934820). 9.00 Real

Stories of the Highway Patrol (3857085). 9,30 Cops (4310849). 10,00 The Base-ment (8902827). 10,30 Red Shoe Diaries

(8911375). 11.00 Film; Honor, Manhunter

(3986) (3018153). **1.30** Beverly Hills Border (4942738). **2.00** The Besement (7914554). **2.30** Cops (7933689). **3.00**

Film: RSVP (1984) (7763776). **5.00** Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (8007134). **5.30 - 8.00** Freaky Stories (4671757).

4.00 Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures

(2709356), 4,30 Driving Passions

Zoo Story (2719733). 6.30 Unite Africa: Mother Courage (5533085). 7.30

Anthur C Clarke's Mysterious World

(2798240). **5.00** Fightline (6962917)

5.30 Treasure Hunters (2712820). 6.00

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

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(1957) (3419689). 5.33 Close().

SKY CINEMA

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Passion of Darkly Noon (1995) (225221).

3.30 Berry Norman's Film Night (2443). 4.00 The Good Old Boys (1995) (5066).

6.00 What the Deaf Man Heard (1997)

(20733). 8.00 While My Pretty One

Sleeps (1997) (32578), 10.00 Fargo

10.00 The Good Old Boys (1995)

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PICK OF THE DAY

RADIO 3 continues its week-long that clashes with the new Book float down the Danuber today's at Bedtime (10.45pm R4) highlight is a live broadcast by the Vienna State Opera of Strauss's peculiar, self-referential blend of opera and commedia dell'arte, Ariadne auf Naxos (7.20pm R3). Meanwhile, the enjoyable Mixing It (10.45pm R2) starts a new season with a look at the experimental music scene in Vienna. Unfortunately,

exploring its culture, history and life today. 1: From the source to Vienna.

10.45 Mixing It. Mark Russell and

Robert Sandall present a unique mix of musical styles and influences.

They launch the new series from the

where the Phonotaktik festival of ex-

perimental music is now underway.

underground haunts of Vienna,

12.00 Proms Composer of the

1.00 - 8.00 Through the Night.

9.30 Let the Rumpus Begin. (R)

11.00 NEWS; Dr Graham's School

2.15 NEWS; Afternoon Play: Spirite.

3.30 Strange Weather Days. (R)

3.00 Money Box Live: (0171) 580 4444.

4.00 NEWS: The Food Programme.

6.30 The Very World of Milton Jones.

7.45 Front Row, Mark Lawson chairs

the nightly arts programme. Today, he meets crime writer Michael Dibden,

creator of the detective Aurelia Zen.

9.45 Buster's Diaries. 10.00 NEWS; Woman's Hour.

12.00 NEWS; You and Yours,

11.30 Little Novels. (R)

1.00 The World at One.

1.30 Words in Music. 2.00 NEWS; The Archers.

12.57 Weather.

3.45 Tales We Tell

4.30 Four Corners.

6.00 Six O'Clock News.

7.00 NEWS; The Archers.

5.00 PM.

5.57 Weather

See Pick of the Day.

Week: Leos Janacek. (R)

11.30 Jazz Notes

(924-945MHz FM) 6.00 Today. 9.00 A Week with...

RADIO 4

featuring Enduring Love, Ian McEwan's novel of obsession and forgetting; don't miss the opening eoisode and horrifying ballooning accident. Ben Johnson 10 Years On (9.30pm R5), right, looks at what happens when you become one of most reviled men in the world - not good things, it seems.

8.00 NEWS; Ballet Dancers Never

Die. 'They Just Lose Their Pointe'.

Nicola Barranger looks at the pain

what happens when recession bites

9.00 NEWS; September Watch.

on a family of swallows in a farm-

the heather with the bees.

9.30 in the Eye of the Storm.

10.00 The World Tonight, With

Robin Lusting. 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Enduring

parts by Penny Leicester, read by

David Horovitch. A searing tale of

love and obsession, set in contem-

porary London. (1/10), See Pick of

11.00 Radio 4 Appeal Helena

Kennedy QC speaks on behalf

of the Housing Associations

After observing the progress of spring, naturalist Nick Baker enjoys

the highlights of summer as he spies

yard, hunts grasshoppers and crick-

ets in the dunes, watches dragonflies

skim over a pond and wades among

and pleasure young people

and customers do not.

ROBERT HANKS whose latest investigation uncorks murky business in the wine trade. Charitable Trust. 11.02 Antoine et Dougle. 11.30 The Music That Binds Us. 7.45 The Jury. By Matthew Solon. A high-profile public figure is fighting a libel case to preserve her reputation. As proceedings get under way, it becomes clear to the members of the 12.30 The Late Book: The 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 100 As World Service. jury that the trial will have an impact on their own lives. With Suzanne 5.30 World News. Bertish, Patrick Robinson and Kelly 5.35 Shipping Forecast Hunter Director Andy Jordan (1/25). 5.40 Inshore Forecast.

RADIO 4 LW experience in their quest to be ballet (198kHz) (188KH2) **9.45 - 10.00** Daily Service. **12.00 - 12.04** News Headlines; Shipping Forecast. **5.54 - 5.57** Shipping dancers. (R) 8.30 in Business. "What's Cooking?" Britain's restaurant industry is booming as never before. Peter Day wonders

5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 - 6.00 Farming Today.

RADIO 5 LIVE (693, 909kHz MW) 6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Brian Hayes. 12.00 The Midday News. 1.00 Ruscoe and Co. 4.00 Drive. 7.00 News Extra, 230 Master Managers. Bryon Butler reassesses the career of Brian Clough, 8.00 Trevor Brooking's Monday Match Debate, Trevor and his quests assess the hopes of British clubs as they embark on their European

Love, By Ian McEwan, abridged in 10 campaigns this week. 9.00 Back to the Valley, Steve Ryder presents the story of Charlton Athletic football club's journey from the brink of bankruptcy to a place in the Premiership, When the club left its Valley ground in 1985, no-one could have predicted the events that

were to unfold over the next 13 years, culminating in that dramatic play-off final win at Wembley in May. Players, fans and club officials relate this roller-coaster rag-to-riches fairy tale. 9.30 Ben Johnson 10 Years On, Ben Johnson talks to Mick Costello about his involvement in the biggest drug scandal in Olympic history and his desire to return to competitive athletics at the age of 36. See Pick of the Day.

10.00 Late Night Live. Nick Robinson sets tomorrow's agenda today, Including at 10:30 a full roundup of the day's sport, and at 11.00 a ate news briefing. 1.00 Up All Night 5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports.

CLASSIC FM (1000-1019MHz FM) 6.00 Nick Bailey. 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 Jamie Crick. 6.30 Newsnight. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00 Evering Concert, 11.00 Alan Mann. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 - 6.00

VIRGIN RADIO (1215, 1197-1260kHz MW 105,8MHz 6.30 Chris Evans, 9.30 Bobby Hain 1.00 Nick Abbot, 4.00 Mark Forrest /FM only Paul Coyte from 6.45. 7.30 Paul Coyte. 10.00 Mark Forrest, 1.00 Peter Poulton, 4.30 -6.30 Jeremy Clark.

WORLD SERVICE (198kHz LW) 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Westway. 1.45 Britain Today. 2.00 Newsdesi 2.30 Seven Days. 2.45 Bringing Up Baby, 3.00 Newsday, 3.30 On Screen, 4.00 World News, 4.05 World Business Report. 4.15 Sports Roundup. 4.30 The World Today (4.30-7.00)/Insight (SW 5875kHz only), 4.45 Off the Shelf - Human Croquet (SW 5875kHz only). 5.30 Outlook (SW 7235kHz only). 5.55 -6.30 Take Five (SW 7235kHz only).

TALK RADIO 7.00 Bill Overton and Kirsty Young. 9.00 Scott Chisholm. 11.00 Lorraine Kelly. 1.00 Anna Raeburn, 3.00 Tommy Boyd, 5.00 Peter Deeley. 7.00 Nick Abbot. 9.00 James Whale. 1,00 Ian Collins. 5.00 - 7.00 The Early Show with Bill Overton.

INDEPENDENT PURSUITS

CHESS JON SPEELMAN

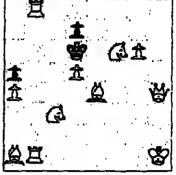
I'M BACK from Spain after a less than successful time at their team championships. More of that later. Today, in response to the readers who've e-mailed me requesting one: at long last, a problem.

The team championships were beld in Salamanca, with the players staying in a university hall of residence. Meals were taken in the cafeteria. Somewhat extraordinarily. on the paper mats put on the trays oo which we received food were printed a variety of puzzles to aid the digestion.

There were a crossword, a "cross-number", a maze, a "spot the difference" puzzle as in kids' comics and a chess problem: a mote in two to be exact. Following the diagram and a little chat, I shall give the solution at the end. So please. if you want to solve it, look no further than the diagram.

Unfortunately, there was no attribution. I tried e-mailing Brian Stephenson of the British Chess Problem Society (Hon Treasurer RT Lewis. 16 Cranford Close. Woodmancote, Cheltenham, Glos., GL52 4QA, who will send specimen copies of The Problemist and The Problemist Supplement to potential new members), but unfortunately he couldn't trace it.

When solving any problem, you need to orient yourself as to what's going on. I'm certainly no expert in



this field: but I was able to spot that the black king has so-called "star flights" - that is, he has a flight

square diagonally in all directions Presumably, White won't deny Black any of these flights - it would be aesthetically displeasing; so the question I asked myself was how White intended to deal with these four king moves to c5, c7, e5 and e7.

Two of these are dealt with in the starting position. If 1...Kc7 2 Nes mate or 1...Ke5 2 Nb5 mate. This is so-called "set play" and unfortunately the mates remain the same in the solution - an aesthetic flaw, since there ought to be changes.

That leaves 1... Kc5 and 1... Ke7. By concentratiog on the former I found 1 Bd3! - to cover c4 - after which if I...Kc5 2 Nce4 mate or I...Ke? 2 Nfe4 mate.

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East-West game; dealer South

North

BRIDGE

AT BOTH tables on this deal from match play South found a way to go down in 3 No-trumps. As a result there was no swing. At comparison time the guilty declarers skated rapidly on to happier results. There really should have

been no problem oo this hand. The bidding and lead were the same in both rooms; South opened One Diamond, North responded One Heart, and East overcalled with Two Clubs, Sonth rebld his diamonds, North explored with Three Clubs and, with a guard in the enemy suit, South bid 3 No-trumps. All passed; West led 🔷 8.

The first declarer, rather naïvely, assumed that East must surely hold OK for his vulnerable overcall but, after winning the lead in hand with + K, took the tiny precaution of cashing $\Diamond A$ - giving himself the extra chance of dropping a singletoo king from West, and not concerned if East subsequently scored with OK. This was not a success and the defenders took five tricks when West got in

and led a second club. The other declarer, more intelligeotly, put up dummy's 🕂 Q oo the opening lead. East won and

◆AK ♥A 1086 0J754 **+Q**52 West Fast **+1087653 +**J42 ♥J54 TKQ72 OK8 03 **+84 4**AJ1097 South +Q3 ₹93 OAQ10962 +K63

ducked. Satisfied with two tricks in the clubs, East unsportingly switched to a low heart and again the defenders came to five tricks.

The second South was on the right track but fell at the second burdle. He should have taken the second club, crossed to a top spade and takeo the diamood finesse into the "safe" hand. Then he would come to nine tricks, for he would not have been worried by a heart switch from East wheo returned #J which declarer he had lost only one club trick.

SATELLITE AND CABLE

PICK OF THE DAY

the Day.

HUMPHREY BOGART turned in the performance of his career in Michael Curtiz's Casablanca some potent on-screen chemistry with his co-star Ingrid Bergman (right). He plays the jilted owner of Rick's nightclub in this superb "love versus duty" morality tale - essential viewing. On the subject of must-see movies, Joel and Ethan Coen's finest

and, in many ways, most

accessible work more benevolent than Blood Simple and several notches less surreal than their (11pm TNT), manufacturing recent success, the bilarious The Big Lebowski. Frances McDormand deservedly won an Oscar for her performance as a heavily pregnant police officer She follows a bloody trail across the snowy backdrop of a frozen Minnesota after a struggling Fargo (10pm Sky Premier) is businessman arranges his own wife's abduction.

PETE CONCHIE



(2706269), 8.00 The Adventurers (7914066), 9.00 Killer Weather: Lightning (7927530). 10.00 Ghosts of Africa (7937917). 11.00 Strike Force: Wellington (7882240), **12.00** Flightline (9621252), **12.30** Driving Passions (8333318), **1.00** Adrenalin Rush Houri Tons of Turbo (3669115), 2.00 Close.

7.00 Tattooed Teenage Alien Fighters from Beverty Hills (47337). 7.30 Games World (3963004). 7.45 The Simpsons (48443), **8.15** Games World (7583153). **8.30** Gerfield and Friends (46269). **9.00** New Adventures of Superman (8453). 10,00 Sally Rapheel (55356). 11.00 Oprah Winfrey (68820). 12.00 Married with Children (40085). 12.30 M*A*S*H (7844240). 12.55 Special K Collection (61426375). 1.00 Geraldo (3869998). 1.55 Special K Collection (51695646). 2.00 Sally Raphael (9527379). 2.55 Special K Collection (9963795). 3.00 Jenny Jones (4563269). 3.55 Special K Collection (745085), 4.00 Oprah Winfrey (79511). 5.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (5820) 8.00 Married with Children (5917). 6.30 Friends (6269), 7.00 Simpsons (3849). 7.30 Real TV (5153), 8.00 Star Traic Voyager (55004). 9.00 Silders (25288). 10.00 998 Emmy Awards Show (6236356) 1.30 - 7.00 Long Play (6229689).

7.00 Ford Football Special Tottenham

vs Middlesbrough (21356). 8.30 Racing

SKY SPORTS 1

News (90171). 9.00 Aerobics - Oz Styte (96153). 9.30 Porsche Super Cup (38627). 10.00 Football League Review Norwich vs Bury (24443). 11.30 This Week in Beseball (36620). 12.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (16917). 12.30 What a Weekend (32443). 1.00 Ford Football secial Tottenham vs Middlesbrough (32714), 2.30 Squash (47443), 3.30 Super Leegue (16207), 5.30 V-Max (8022), 6.00 Sky Sports Centre (7795). 6.30 What a Weekend (1975). 7.00 Shell Howard Keel NSPCC Golf Classic (12608), 8.30 What a Weekend (1646). 9.00 Football League Review (41240). 10.00 Sky Sports Centre (688 10.15 Survival of the Fittest (415482) 10.45 World Windsurfing (414733). 11.15 V-Max (411646), 11.45 Sky Sports Centre (572820). 12.00 Showjumping (31825), 2.00 Football League Review (55202). 3.00 Sky Sports Centre (23808467). 3.15 Close.

SKY SPORTS 2 7.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (7223066), 7.30 Racing News (7235801), 9.00 Ford Golf USA - Bell Canadian Open (5129240), 10.00 Euro Tour Golf - One 2 One British Masters (8773004). 1.00 Cricket - AXA Life League (5143820). 3.00 Tennis (4124375), **5.00** Football League Review (3257375), **6.00** This Week in Baseball (4038559), **6.30** Survival of the Fittest 4012511). 7.00 World Motor Sport (5329443), 10.00 Squash (4362004).

11.00 Football League Review (7232714). 12.00 This Week in Baseball (7989309). 12.30 Sky Sports Centre (9698080). 12.45 Tennis (7293298). 2.45 Sky Sports Centre (34427115), 3-99 Close

SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 NFL (47776066). 3.30 Basketbell Newcestle Eagles vs Greater London Leopards (43248356), 5.30 World Wind-surfing Tour (31221820), 6.00 Table Tennis (21342375), 7.00 Fish TV - Tony Dean Outdoors (34515996), 7.30 Fish TV (\$1215269), 8.00 Equestranism - Aacten Nations Cup (\$6497356), 10.00 Dickle Davles's Sporting Heroes Steve Ovett magnetan #LOO-#L30 Olympic Series Olympic Destinies (25161066).

FUROSPORT 7.30 Athletics (80882). 9.00 Cycling: Tour of Spain (26153), 10.00 Xtreme Sports (93530). 11.00 NASCAR (90066). 12.00 Judo (46646), 1.00 Triathion (22056), 2.00 Cycling: Tour of Spair (75207), 4.00 Vito Outdoor Special (5714), 4-30 CART (16268), 6-00 Xtreme (5714), 4-30 UArti (10200), Sports (55443), 9.00 Tractor Pulling (56172), 9.00 Highland Games (43) 10.00 Football: Eurogoals (37269). 11,30 Boxing (72578). 12.30 Close.

UK GOLD 7.00 Crossroads (7815578), 7.30 Neighbours (7198996), 7.55 EastEnders (4460462), 8.30 The Bill (8905714), 9.00 The Bill (8995066), 9.30 Bergerac (7519530), 10.30 The Sullivens (8925576). 11.00 Oales (5031998), 11.55 Neighbours (53197191), 12.25 EastEnders (5433627), LOS All Creetures Great and Small (7971801). 2.00 Dallas (5980608). 2.55 The Bill (8993578). 3.25 The Bill (4910714), 3.55 Bergerac (1932627), 4.55 EastEnders (8353608), 5.30 Angels (2721578). 6-00 All Creatures Great and Small (4380608), 7.00 The Comedy Alter-native: Don't Wait Up (8184801), 7.40 The Cornedy Alternative: Dad's Army (2863795). **8.20** The Cornedy Atternative: Yes, Minister (7842789), 9.00 Casualty (64293462), 10.05 Taggert (27644733). 11.15 Sports Anorak of the Year 6704530). **11.50** The Bit (2397207). 12.20 The Bill (6819283), 12.50 Casualty (6141979). 1.50 Spitting Image (8719047). 2.25 Chelmsford 123 (23385047), 2.45 2.00 Shopping at Night (65891080).

9.00 Tiny Living (394)559). 9.00 Special Babies (8)43356). 9.30 Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction (7275882), 10.00 Jerry Springer (6579511), 10.50 Relanda (5595608), 11.40 Brookside (39973820) 12.10 Jimmy's (2465443). 12.43 Rescue 911 (6958882). 1.15 Ready, Steady, Cook (4139240). 1L50 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (13459085). 2.20 Living It Up! (8560207). 3.20 Rolonda (9668424). 4.30 Tempesti (8252191). 5.00 Ready, Steady, Cook 1686608). 5.35 Cen't Cook, Won't Cook (5228511). 6.10 Jerry Springer (6784153). (2/2001): 430 Jerry Springer (6/74/33). 7.00 Rescue 911 (963/8882). 7.30 Beyond Bellet: Fact or Fiction (92/17/76). 8.00 Murder Call (2662/849). 9.00 Film: The Wrong Woman (1995) (2632608), 11.00 The Sex Files (8641085), 12.00 Close.

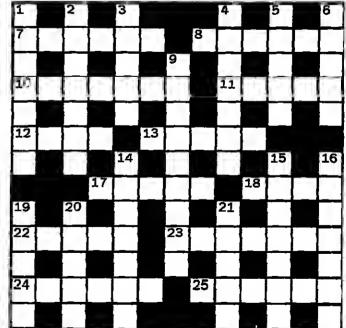
9.00 Films Umrissables: The Wizard of Oz (1939) (98494269), 11.00 Filian: Unrass ables: Casabianca (1942), See Pick of the Day (61090795), 1.00 Filian: The Liquidator (1966) (51081047). 3.00 Films: The Wizard of Oz (1939) (71478573). 5.00 Close. PARAMOUNT COMEDY CHANNEL 7.00 Roseanne (4733), 7.30 Cosby (8801). 9.00 Grace under Fire (9563), 8.30 Soin City (9288). 9.00 Ellen (20289), 9.30 Seinfeld (50849), 10.00 Fraster (15288). 10.30 Cheers (91606), 11.00 Kenny Everett (25714), 11.30 The Larry Sand Show (81207), 12.00 Late Night with David Letterman (33283). 100 Saturday Night Live (28009). 2.00 Dr Katz (70950). 2.30 Soap (66757). 3.00 The Kids in the Hall (89592). 3.30 Nightstand (57009).

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Breaktest (0400 birs). Part Come the (38333451). 9.30 Film: Here Come the (3rls (18292375). 10.50 Earthcape (54001259). 11.00 Australia Wild

CONCISE CROSSWORD

No.3715 Monday 14 September



ACROSS Container for boiling water (6)

25 Dried fruit (6)

Type of spanner (6) 10 Cradle song (7) 11 Traince officer (5) 12 Escape of gas (4) 13 Open sore (5) 17 Imprint (5) 18 Vendetta (4) 22 Shellfish (5) 23 Young amphibian (7) 24 Costume (6)

DOWN

Stringed instrument (7) Of the stars (7) Also known as (5) Windpipe (7) Malicious (5) Sharpens (5) Artficial sweetener (9) 14 Implement (7) 15 Leading female character (7) 16 Unfavourable (7) 19 Reel of film etc (5)

20 Spaghetti or macaroni, e.g.

21 Worship (5) Solution to last Saturday's Concise Crossword:

ACROSS: 1 Camper, 4 Nearly (Campanile), 7 Tragedian, 9 Leek, 10 Balm, 11 Refur, 13 Planet, 14 Sequin, 15 Crisis, 17 Aghast, 19 Thorn, 20 Loud, 22 Also, 23 Secretary, 24 Olives, 25 Chancy, DOWN: 1 Call-up, 2 Pork, 3 Regret, 4 Nudges, 5 Arab, 6 Yeoman, 7 Tenacious, S Naturally, 11 Remit, 12 Reign, 15 Calico, 16 Shorts, 17 Arctie, 18 Trophy, 21 Derv, 22 Area.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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4.40 ITV Nightscreen (67138554). 5.00 Coronation Street (66573). CENTRAL CENTRAL

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3.20 Central News (556504). 5.10
Shortland Street (8440337). 6.00 Home
and Away (43085). 6.25 Central News
and Weather (364207). 10.30 Central
News, Weather and Travel Update
(13199). 11.40 UEFA Champions'
Legous Special (5634581. 12.10 Public League Special (583656), 12.10 Public Morals (8930554), 3.50 Jobfinder

383). **5.20** Asian Eye (9255080). (852263), 520 Asian Cys (652266), 42.6 (79.22), 430 (4), 12.15 HTV News (222882), 1.00 Stepping the World (1996), 1.30 Home and Away (20796), 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (3)907/4), 2.45 The Pulse (50284), 3.20 HTV News (5565004), 5.30 Get Gardening (9440337), 6.90 Home and Away (43085), 6.25 Wales Tonight (364207), 10.30 HTV News (18189), 11.40 Midright Caller (154530), 2.05 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (2073912), 2.30 CubaVision (923496), 3.30 Vanessa (1679028), 4.00 World in Action (67325660), 4.25 Soundhax (90557466), 4.40 ITV Nightscreen HTY WALES

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1.00 Emmerdele (1998). 2.45 Dig it with Den (150284). 3.20 Westcountry News (5565004). 6.00 Westcountry Live (39443). 10.30 Westcountry News (15199). 11.40 Baywatch Nights (154530). 2.05 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (2073912). 2.30 ClubeVision (9234196). 3.50 Vanessa (1575028). 4.00 World in Action (87235860). 4.25 Squarefray. Action (67325660). 4.25 Soundtrax (90557486), 4.40 ITV Nightscreen (67138554), 5.00 Coronation St (66573). (57138554). 5.00 Coronation St (66573). YORKSHIRLE
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East News and Weather (2221882), 3.20
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5.55 North East Weather (866424), 6.00
North East Tonight (39443), 10.30 North
East News and Weather (13199).

(\$400)259). 11.00 Australie Wild (\$83319), 11.30 Here's One I Made Earler (\$8332820). 12.00 Right to Reply (\$425725), 12.30 Sesame Street (\$4994917), 1.00 Slot Meithrin: ABC a Ding Dong (\$4864462), 1.30 Nigel Slater's Real Food Show (\$4993288), 2.00 Australia Wild (\$949646), 2.30 Moving People (\$8992917), 3.00 Gardens of the Caribbean (\$947553), 3.30 The Ocean World of John Stoneman (\$8997862, 4.00 Fiftsen to One (68997462), **4.00** Fifteen to One (68983269), **4.30** Rickl Lake (689 (8983269), 4-30 Rickl Lake (68972153), 5.00 5Pump: Pendroffobia (66293086), 5.35 Fieli (64574240), 5-30 Countdown (68996733), 8.00 Newyddion (36744288), 6.20 Heno (3809601), 7.00 Pobol y Own (5661085), 7.25 Redeallaid Celtaidd (37388085), 8.00 Gair am Aur (39476882), 8-30 Newyddion (39495917), 9.00 Taro New (36326627), 9-30 Sgorio (3961627), 10-35 Animal Malica (5860337), 11-35 NYPD Blue (13548269), 12-30 Critical Condition (35270196), 1.00 In Your Dreams (46602979), 1.30 Close, 5.55 Sesame Street (29890979).

THE MONDAY REVIET The Independent 14 September 19

JASPER REES

6.00 Business Breskfest (1353) Games (16443), 9.00 Kiroy (76 (7521086), 10.05 Style Challent Delly Live (4182849), 10.55 Nev 1.00 News Weather (18530). 1.30 Local News (1881004). 1.40 Neighboure (97020820). 2.05 Breakers (29613207). Commonwealth Games Grandstand, Rugby Union: the quarter-finals, 11.30 Swimming (S) (92733).

3.25 Children's BBC: Tales of Assop (R) (S) (5579207).
3.30 Microscopio Million (S) (4861917). 3.35 Playdaye
(FI) (S) (7670817). 3.55 Little Monstere (S) (5805714).
4.00 The Animal Magic Show (S) (T) (8466085). 4.15
Alvin and the Chipmunka (R) (S) (6191714). 4.40
Goosebumps (S) (T) (8316443). 5.00 Newsround (S) (T) (8456786). 5.10 Blue Peter (S) (T) (6791785). 2.25 Commonwealth Games Grandstand-Gymnastice and rugby union (S) (T) (7141827).

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7.30 Here and Now. The dangers of scuba diving, the drawbacks of private mediane, and the lot of lemate slopeola sufferers (S) (T) (5tt).

indern, Blacots refuel, Milace facts worden. Tou can see he little from already – the one he when he's thinking (S) (I), 1952/).

wsį Regional Newsį Weather (1) (8356). kiren's Hospital. The sick-kids show has mo Liverpool to Birmingham, where a 12-year-old was treatment for a stomach tumour (5) (1482).

10.40 DIFFE Committees: Alam McGee - the Man Who Disadvered Casis. Profile of the Creation Records founder. See Documentary of the Dey, below (S) (T) 11.35 Chloago Hops (S) (T) (305337).

Big Norm hosts the Cheera Weekend from 9pm on 19th & 20th Beptember on The Paramount Comedy Channel

What's shaking Norm?

12.20 IIIM Betreyel of Trust (George Kaczender 1993 US). Judith Light plays e women bettling to prove her psychiatrist guilty of drugging and raping his femals patients in this fact-bessed dreme. Unfortunately, she's enightchub singer and he's a piller of the community. The usual (Followed by Wasther) (S) (1288370). Commonwealth Gemes Grendstand. Bwimning and cycling (5) (85907370). To 6am.

NANUBUS: ALAN MCGEE (10.40pm BBC1, right) "The Man Who Discovered Ossis". Not to mention Primal Screem and Who Discovered Ossis". Not to mention Primal Screem and iesus and Mary Chain – but Ossis were the resitsation of Alan iesus and Mary Chain – but Ossis were the resitsation of Alan AcGee's dream of grooming e world-beating rock 'n' roll band he discovered them in a thry club in Glasgow in 1983). A failed nunk rocker himself, McGee formed Creation Records in 1984 rom his bedroom in Tooting, South London. The Glesgow-born op Impresario is now worth £25m, but not before prodigioue linges with ecstssy and bourbon, a near-death experience and linges with ecstssy and bourbon, a near-death experience and DOCUMENTARY OF THE DAY

THE ROYLE FAMILY (10pm BBC2, right) Its ancestor probably Till Death us Do Part, although that auggests this fantastic new sitcom is derivetive, which it is not. Y

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COMEDY OF THE DAY

BBC2

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9.00 Commonweelth Games Grandstand (S) (69286).
11.00 TUC Live (B) (80376), 1.00 Commonweelth
Gemes Grandstand (S) (T) (8811269), 2.10 News;
Regional News; Weather (T) (2672551), 2.15 TUC Live
(S) (11559), 3.55 News; Regional News; Weather
(S) (6803856), 4.00 Change That (S) (6613733), 4.25
Ready, Sleady, Cook (S) (T) (8616820), 4.55 Esther (S)
(T) (8770424).

8.00 Local He lows Winners to consider the consider to consider the consideration of the saurus terms, is seen to considerate to considerate the considerate terms.

9.00 shooting Stare. Recycled Vio Red Dwerf) brings a tasis of the to Mondays. Stephen Fry is e gu 9.30 Red Dwerf (R) (S) (T) (47462).

11.10 Dherme a Chempions Moraie (54) Nettonwide

6.40 Windows on the Mind (T) (906:530). **6.25**Managing in the Marketplace (5237827).

7.00 Children's BBC: Telejubbles (8) (1480882), 7.25 Smarts' Adventures (R) (S) (5954849), 7.45 Blue Peler (B) (T) (92563), 5.15 Noah's Island (S) (T) (495504). 8.35 Tales of Assop (R) (S) (2970996), 8.40 Secret Life of Toys (R) (S) (1016714).

Today's the Day. And Martyn "good news" Lawis is the quizmeister (B) (T) (284).

10.00 BIUIE The Royle Family. Caroline Aherne is the matriarch in a Manchester council house. See Cornecy of the Day, below (B) (T) (37894).

10.30 Newsnight. With Kirety Wark (T) (364785).

Tonight (T) (13159).

ether (T) (86240).

12.00 Grace under Fire (S) (97370), 12.30 BBC Learning Zone – Open University: Persisting Director (T) (58680). 1.30 The Spanish Chepel, Florence (18641), 2.00 The Greats: Artists 2 (47880), 4.00 Languages: Get By In Germen (85202), 5.00 Business and Treining: Skille for Work (7740778). To 5.45em.

9.25 Yanessa (S) (845/269). 12.2 (845/269). 12.2 (845/269). 12.3 (1.30 The Jerry

3.25 Children's ITV: Wizadore (f) (555627), 3.35 Titch (f) (4904820); 3.50 Scoty and Co (f) (7660530), 4.45 Art Attack (S) (T) (968004); 4.45 Sebrina, the Teenege Which (S) (T) (3238795).

5.10 Home end

5.40 Nawsį Wasthar (1) (733356).

6,00 London To night. Regional news update for the the South-East (T) (443).

b.30 London Bridge. Capital scap, Jervis le annoyed that Bylan has been photographing Jyott Ravi receives e yelled threat from Meg (B) (785).

Letion. The UK's vice-consul in Ibiza igned in disgust at the behaviour of British young Brits on libiza really out of objitted or agood time? (8) (1) (4786).

9.00 Liverpool Liverpool One. Samentha Janua's Essex-girl cop in scoueeland meets gengland leader John Sullvan (Paul Usher – aka Berry Grant, no lees), in the second part of this promising new cop drama from the word processor of Simon "Chancer" Burke (S) (T) (9337). xt on how nine million Brittone are now labelled how the problem is getting worse tranks to alon of the wrong types of food (T) (6530).

10.40 Veronion's Cionet. So-so (ITV bought it, after all).
American altoom about the head of a chain of ingerie stores. Leo wants to propose marriage to his girlifiend

11.40 ITM The Lonely Pession of Judith Hearne (Jack Cleyton 1887 UK). Depressing adeptation of Brian Moores 1955 novel, starring Maggie Smith as a Dublin spinster and Bob Hoakins as her sultor (53549627).

Away (S) (T) (9440337).

i.i.a. Kim end Steve commit deylight robbery. subte about merrying Michael. Bitf and Kathy sie confessions (S) (T) (8375).

7.30 Coronation Straet. Steve and Maxine find they must keep things quiet. Aima gets e phone oaf from Curty (1) (207).

Lilly Orngonwyck (Jossph L Manklewicz 1946 US), Melodrame with Gene Tierney, Walter Huston end Vincent Price (897289). To 5.20em.

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B Yanessa (S) (T) (6566578), 10.15 This Morning (T) (64(5)269), 12.20 Your Shout (476)269, 12.30 News; Weather (T) (21424), 1.00 London Todey (T) (11986), 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (S) (T) (7102576), 2.15 Home and Away (S) (T) (700743), 2.45 Animel SOS (S) (50284), 3.15 ITN News Headlines (T) (5568191), 3.20 London Todey (T) (55665004),

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3.30 Classic Homes (R) (801). 4.00 Fitteen to One (R) (S) (608). 4.30 Countdown (S) (T) (3231682). 4.55 Montel Williams (S) (T) (8798820). 5.30 Pet Rescue (S) (T) (172).

8.00 Roseanne. Roseanne's attempt to give up simplifying is severally hampered by the pressure of her two jobs and the lack of support from her family (R) (S) (T) (135).

rs; Weather (5) (1) (84153)

7.00 Channel 4 Nev

8.00 The been Another organos to see the above everage documentary series about the deep doesn—the largest unexplored area on the panet. The first progratime looks at the history of deep submergence technology and the men who risted their lives to develop it (R) (B) (1) (7153). 7.55 Algaria Daily. Another short missive from journalists caught up in the civil war in Algerie (T) (128356).

Animal Matios. Diverting silly-season documentery (It was held over from August) ebout the hidden dangers of easylingly benign salmels. Tales include the equirrel which terrorised a whole neighbourhood, a parekeet which broke e men's neok, and the turkey which took revenge on e poscher by shooting him in tha leg (7397).

to a woman who had a boystend with a history of mental titness, while Greg and Jill deal with the shooting of a bioyole messenger (8) (1) (597801).

Rickl. Young people who are emberrassed venternoed by their mothers' sex lives (1) (845172).

GIDE Best Intentions (Bils August 1992 Sws). See Film of the Day, below (881663)

to a nd Greg (S) (T) (435590). 11.40
lons' Lesgue Special (589656). 12.40 Public
(5462912). 12.35 Stash (8983009). 12.40
rice Football League Extra (2569456). 1.40
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lootball (F) (2062660). 2.25 Club Vision (S)
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ly Vightscreen (5751979). 5.30 (TN Morning
ly 2825). To 6am.

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7.00 The Big Breekfast (S) (T) (16563), 9.00 Bewilched (R) (T) (13917).

9.30 SIN Here Come the Girls (Claude Bhyon 1953 US). Bob Hope plays e young singer who becomes involved with en insene killsr on the loose. A jolly script, some okay songs and the likes of Arlene Dahl, Hosemary Clooney end the four Step brothers (7318846).

8.00 5 News end Sport (5) (6500530), 7.00 WideWorld (H) (B) (T) (5590004), 7.30 Milkshekei (S) (5563820), 7.35 Whet a Mess (630191), 8.00 Havekazoo (S) (9752506), 8.30 Dappledown Farm (R) (9784207), 9.00 The Great House Game (R) (T) (5584576), 9.25 Russell Granits Postcards (841646), 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (R) (S) (7344172), 10.20 Suneet Beach (S) (T) (4516375), 11.10 Leaza (S) (3134199), 12.00 5 News at Noon (S) (9755785), 12.30 Family Affairs (S) (T) (2064289), 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (S) (T) (1598375), 1.30 Sone end Daughters (2056240), 2.00 (1698375), 1.30 Sone end Daughters (2056240), 2.00 (Iona Humiford (S) (8227199), 2.30 Open House with Gloria Humiford (S) (3235714).

(0.55 Earthscape (1719795), 11.00 Australia Wild (R) (S) (4530), 11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (R) (S) (T) (2559), 12.00 Sesame Street (83153), 12.30 I Dream of Jeennie (R) (T) (29066), 1.00 Watercolour Challenge (68040), 1.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (41865066).

ETIM The Brids! Path (Frenk Launder 1959 UK). Scottish islander Bill Travers is earn to the mainlend to find e brids, despite being in love with his couein. Hermiess Technicolor whimsy with familiar support from the likes of George Cole and Gordon Jackson (17269511).

3.30 [3][M] Ocuble Bunk (CM Pennington-Richards 1960 UK). Cosy, extremely dated (end mildly fascinating for that) comady sterring lan Carmichael and Janette Scott se e pair of newlywede who move into a rickety old houseboat on the Thames. Sid James and Irens Handlers the lovesbie locel cockneys (2038917).

5.10 The Opreh Winfrey Show. Opreh and gueets discuss crime prevention (S) (9005820).

G.00. 100 Per Cent. The garreshow without a tost. Three comfestants, playing in solution, face 100 testing general-knowledge questions (5) (4128801).

8.30 Heltycaks. Rob is despondent about the prospect of lite in a wheelchair and gives Lucy en utilimatum about her drug habit (S) (T) (337). 6.90 Family Affairs. Holly and Susie ask Jack to explain the whole story of the Look. Pate sees an opportunity for blackmell (8) (T) (4110153).

7.00 5 News, including First on Five. National and international news with Kirsty Young (5) (1) (2627/35).

7.30 Poler Odyssey. Documentery observing the first few weeks in the life of a seal pup in the Gulf of St Lawrence (6) (T) (416337).

8.00 The House Doctor. Home Improvement series. This week a messy two-bedroom modern house in Stockport gets a make-over (S) (T) (6322743).

8.30 Crime Report: John Taylor is in investigative mode (8) (1172040).

TIM When Saturday Comes (Maria Gless 1985 UK). Dreadfully clickéd soccer drama which casts realife Sheffield United ten Sean Bean as the gifted emateur who is tanguishing in his dead-end job at the brewery. The love of Emily Lloyd and the chance to shine in the local pub side eventually (but not soon enough) turn him around, however. Pete Postlethwalts

10,65 1310 Circuitry Man (Steven Lovy 1990 US):
Muddled but not absolutely dire post-Blade Runner
dystopian sci-fl. Bodyguard Jm Meizler emuggies away
a narcotic, pleasure-giving computer chip and goes on
the run with beautiful android Dana Wheeler-Nicholson
(S) (68084240). 10.50 Dr Fox's Chart Update. Drop everything (6424207)

12.45 NFL American Football - Live (S) (1111318). 4.10 Board Wild (96520738). 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4296979). 5.30 100 Per Cent (R) (S) (4199009). To Sam

TELEVISION GUIDE BY GERARD GILBERT

FILM OF THE DAY

the second balf screens next Monday), this is Bille August'e excellent 1982 film of Ingraer Bergman's script about his parents' tortuous courtship - winner of both the Palme d'Or et parents' tortuous courtship - winner of both the Palme d'Or et parents' tortuous courtship - winner of both the Palme d'Or et parents' tortuous courtship - winner of both the Palme d'Or et parents in dest Roreign Film Oscar (it was co-produced by Chemnei 4, by the way). The director's wife, Pernilla August, plays the upper-class object of desire of penniless theology student, Samuel Froier. However, he is already engaged, and the girl's mother knows it. Havishingly shot by Jürgen Persson, and with e rare emodonal depth, the film reunited August with with his Pelle the Conqueror star, Max von Sydow.



CARS THAT ATE PARIS.

Directed by Peter Weie. MOVIE CLUB: Tonight at 9.30pm.

